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# Town Of Plaistow 2006 Annual Report



## PREVIOUS ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATIONS

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**1979**

*Clifton E. Cook*

**1980**

*John & Maude Duston*

**1981**

*John A. Palmer*

**1982**

*LeRoy S. Dube*

**1983**

*Irving S. Gilman*

**1984**

*George B. Peabody*

**1985**

*Mildred L. Palmer*

**1986**

*Helen A. Hart*

**1987**

*Annie Mae Schwaner*

**1988**

*Ruth E. Jenne*

**1989**

*Thomas H. Cullen*

**1990**

*Stanley T. Herrick*

**1991**

*Norman L. Major*

**1992**

*David C. Hart*

**1993**

*Lyman W. Hill*

**1994**

*John McSheehy*

**1995**

*Don & Judy Sargent*

**1996**

*Jerry Assad*

**1997**

*Robert Chooljian*

**1998**

*Agnes Dube*

**1999**

*Volunteerism*

**2000**

*Ruth E. Palmer*

**2001**

*Donald E. Petzold*

**2002**

*George & Eleanor Peabody*

**2003**

*J. Alden Palmer, Jr.*

**2004**

*Merilyn P. Senter*

**2005**

*Plaistow Lions Club*



Bernadine A. FitzGerald



## DEDICATION

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### BERNADINE A. FITZGERALD

Bernadine A. FitzGerald, has been a long time resident of Plaistow. She is the daughter of Arthur and Anna Bergeron.

Bernadine and her late husband, John D. FitzGerald, raised six children (Maryann Wilson, Mark, Jay, Matthew (deceased), Anna Gentile and Luke). She has ten grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter.

Bernadine was instrumental in converting the town's old Fire House into the new Historical Society Building. She arranged for obtaining most of the materials and labor donated or at cost for the new Historical Society Building. Monies raised to keep the Historical Society going were from the vendor fees she collected on Old Home Day as well as the bake sales and souvenirs. Bernadine was President of the Society for many years.

From May 1964 till her retirement in September 1997 Bernadine worked at the Plaistow Cooperative Bank. She started out as a Teller and worked her way up to Vice President of the bank.

Bernadine has served on many committees in the town; the 225<sup>th</sup> and 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries of the town, the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Town Hall, Town Hall Restoration Committee and the Old Home Day Committee. She is presently Town Treasurer, on the Budget Committee, Memorial Day Committee, Pollard Park Tree Committee, Cemetery Advisory Committee, the Centennial and Civil War Committee and a Ballot Clerk.

It had come to her attention that the Town of Plaistow didn't have a World War II monument. She helped raise the funds for the monument erected at the corner of Pollard Park. At about the same time she raised the monies to purchase a flagpole, flag and light for the Town Cemetery.

For several years the veterans of the American Legion would put Memorial Day baskets in front of each monument on the Town Green. She went to the American Legion and asked if she could have the monies to purchase all the geraniums and they would be planted in front of each monument. For about the past five or six years, Bernadine and others have been volunteering to plant the geraniums. At the same time, this group would plant the flowers on both sides of the sidewalk in front of Town Hall. These flowers have been donated by Goudreault's Farm. Bernadine believed in volunteering to get things done.

When she isn't at her desk on the second floor of the Town Hall working as our Town Treasurer you can find her busy around her yard mowing, planting, weeding or volunteering for the town.

Because of her service to our community, the Board of Selectmen is pleased to dedicate the 2006 Plaistow Town Report to Bernadine A. FitzGerald.

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Plaistow Town Hall.

## THEME DESCRIPTION

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### Plaistow New Hampshire "Service to Our Community"

Our 2006 Town Report theme is "Service to Our Community."

Service in Plaistow can be found in many areas throughout our town:

- The Police Department and Fire Department who are both dedicated in keeping our citizens safe.
- To the many citizens that give their time and energy as both elected and appointed positions throughout our town government.
- Plaistow has numerous programs in place to assist our residents in times of need with shelter, food, medical assistants, counseling and to rides to their appointments. Along with many Non Profit Organizations who are always there willing to assist our citizens in time of need.

In 2006 the new elevator was installed in our Town Hall and the Town also purchased a new ambulance to better service our community.

Plaistow was one of the first towns in this area to take action to protect our citizens from the mosquito born illnesses of West Nile and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). Our program was used as a model by the State of New Hampshire Board of Health for other communities.

Over the past few years we have seen a significant growth in our Recreation programming with monthly senior trips, increase in Baseball and Softball teams, Halloween Pumpkin lighting on Pollard Park.

The annual Old Home Day celebration that has been held on the last Saturday in June since 1974 is the place to be to see old friends and to enjoy the wonderful fun filled day which couldn't happen without all the volunteers and the Plaistow Lion Club.

And to all the men and women of Plaistow who have served our country since the beginning in the Revolutionary War to our current fight against terrorism in the Middle East.

We welcome all of our citizens to become involved in our community. Come meet new friends on our many boards and committees.

Respectfully submitted,

*Martha Sumner*

Town Report Committee



## IN MEMORIAM

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This page is dedicated to the memory of those Plaistow Residents who passed away during the year 2006. They have served the Town of Plaistow in an elected, appointed or volunteer capacity.

**Katherine Birdsall**

1929 – 2006

Plaistow Health Officer

**John W. Colby**

1918 – 2006

Plaistow Police Department Officer

**Wilbur L. Ketchum**

1931 – 2006

U. S. Army Korean War Veteran

Plaistow Youth Athletic Coach

Timberlane Football Boosters

Timberlane Community Chorus

**Douglas B. Laing**

1944 – 2006

Municipal Budget Committee

Board of Selectmen

Timberlane Regional School Board

**Gordon B. Sykes Jr.**

1929 – 2006

U.S. Army Korean War Veteran

American Legion Carl G. Davis Post #34

VFW Lorraine Post #29

Plaistow Historical Society

Plaistow Fire Department Deputy Chief

State of New Hampshire Deputy Fire Warden



**Kathleen Jones:** Since 1984 Kathy has been a vital part of the Plaistow Police Department. She started as a part-time officer and has been steadily promoted through the ranks to Deputy Chief. Kathy is known for her unique community policing style and leading from the front. Her investigative talents relating to sex crimes have brought written accolades from Rockingham County Prosecutors. One such high profile case withstood a State Supreme Court challenge. She is an articulate, persuasive leader, but more importantly she is respected by her superiors, peers and subordinates. Kathy is always volunteering for challenging projects and surpassing the goals set for her. In 2006, Kathy was inducted into the YWCA Academy of Women. She is a strong role model for the residents and staff of Plaistow. Her ability to view situations as a whole, her friendly demeanor and her work ethic are only part of what makes Kathy a pleasure to work with. It is because of these many admirable traits that Kathleen Jones was chosen for an employee spotlight.

**Dana Rabito:** Dana works for the Plaistow Highway Department. He was hired as a Laborer in September on 1998 and was most recently promoted to Foreman in April of 2006. Dana is known among his peers for being supportive, loyal and professional. Dana works many long hours in frigid winter weather plowing, clearing trees in dangerous thunder storms and is out paving in the sweltering summer heat. He ensures the roads of Plaistow are safe for travel. During a storm it is not unusual for Dana to work around the clock. Despite these long hours, he greets his fellow employees with a gentle, unruffled smile. Dana is a member of the Personnel Plan Committee and Highway Garage Committee. Members of these committees often comment on Dana's ability to remain composed during heated debates. Dana is often called upon to perform tasks outside of his job description. He has been seen moving furniture, hanging bunting and putting together picnic tables. His ability to complete his job in adverse situations, his knowledge base and years of experience are a great resource to the residents and staff of Plaistow. It is because of these many admirable traits that Dana Rabito was chosen for an employee spotlight.



I have been honored to serve the Town of Plaistow for the past 10 years as a State Representative. My legislative priorities include constituent services, education funding, environmental issues, maintaining a balanced budget for the state, improving public access to computer technology and improving the climate for New Hampshire's small business community. I have been a staunch advocate of "truth in budgeting" as well as encouraging the Legislature to more fully consider the impact of proposed legislation on future generations.

I have sponsored or co-sponsored the following successful bills in the last legislative session (2006):

- A bill that transfers any undesignated general fund surplus from the last fiscal session to the revenue stabilization reserve account. This bill helps maintain a healthy bond rating for the local, county and state governments. SIGNED INTO LAW WITH GOVERNORS SIGNATURE;
- A bill that changes certain definitions under the real estate transfer tax. This bill closes a major loop hole in the real estate transfer tax law. SIGNED INTO LAW WITH GOVERNORS SIGNATURE;
- A House Resolution affirming revenue estimates for fiscal years 2006 and 2007. Passed by the House of Representatives;
- A Senate Concurrent Resolution relative to the Boy Scouts of America. This resolution commends the Boy Scouts of America for promoting strong moral, mental, physical and leadership skills in boys and young men.

Constituent service and responding to the needs of the towns in my district has been my most important priority.

An important issue, that has directly affected the Town of Plaistow, was a reduction in the state education funding grant for Plaistow. This was the result of targeted legislation that primarily benefited the cities at the expense of the towns. This new legislation has been declared unconstitutional by the courts. The legislatures have been given to the end of June 2007 to fix this problem. I will continue to work on legislation that will be fair to all communities.

This was my fourth year as Chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee where we were able to process more than 50 tax and fees bills in 2006.

I also serve as a legislative member on the following groups or committees:

- Chairman of the Rockingham County Delegation;
- National Council of State Legislatures Budget and Revenue Committee – Vice-Chairman, 2006;
- American Legislative Exchange Council – Telecommunications & Information Technology Task Force;
- Integrated Criminal Justice Information System Project; and
- National Council of State Legislatures Streamlined Sales & Used Tax Committee.



## REPORT OF THE STATE REPRESENTATIVES

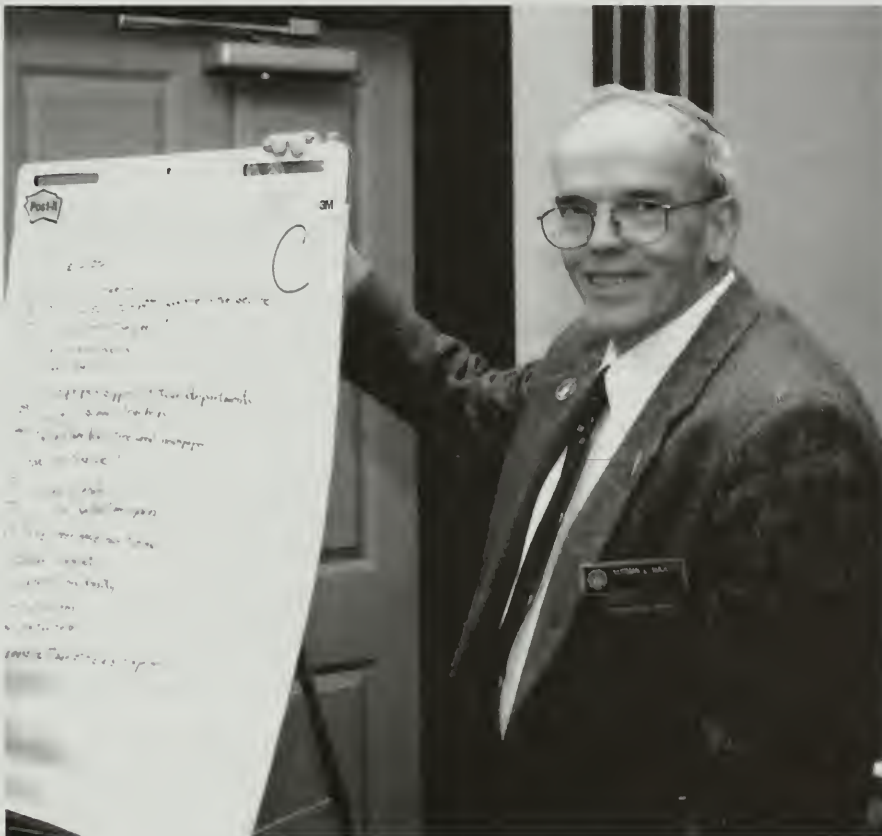
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New Hampshire has a unique advantage over other states in that our state government is relatively frugal, our business climate is advantageous and our natural beauty and resources are second to no other state. Some people in Concord are looking at the challenges facing us in Concord with dread. I view them as unique opportunities to maintain New Hampshire's position as one of the best places to live in the country.

Respectfully submitted,

*Norman L. Major*

State Representative



State Representative and Plaistow Resident Norman L. Major.

## TOWN & GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

### 2006 ELECTED OFFICIALS

<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	Term
John A. Sherman , Chair.....	2007
Lawrence W. Gil, Vice Chair.....	2009
Charles L. Blinn, Jr.....	2007
Michelle L. Curran.....	2008
Daniel J. Poliquin.....	2009

<b>Moderator</b>	
Barry A. Sargent.....	2009

<b>Tax Collector</b>	
Rosemarie L. Bayek.....	2009

<b>Town Clerk</b>	
Maryellen Pelletier.....	2007

<b>Treasurer</b>	
Bernadine A. FitzGerald	2007

<b>Conflict of Interest Committee</b>	
Ruth Santosuosso, Chair.....	2007
Harry Birmingham, Vice Chair.....	2008
Michael Allen.....	2007
Therese Chouinard.....	2009

<b>Fire Engineers</b>	
John W. Judson III, 1 <sup>st</sup> Engineer...	2007
Michael Kennedy, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Engineer....	2007
Ernest A. Morin, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Engineer.....	2007
Chris Poliquin, 4 <sup>th</sup> Engineer.....	2007

<b>Municipal Budget Committee</b>	
Kristin Lewis Savage, Chair.....	2008
Jan Penta, Vice Chair.....	2007
Bernadine A. FitzGerald.....	2007
Robert J. Gray.....	2007
Ron Hayes.....	2007
Daniel Hooper.....	2008
T. Richard Latham.....	2009
Donna Luciano.....	2008
George Peabody.....	2009
Ernest Sheltry.....	2008
Henry Szmyt.....	2009
Ron Yeager.....	2009
John A. Sherman, Selectman Rep.	

<b>Planning Board</b>	
Timothy E. Moore, Chair.....	2008
Steven Ranlett, Vice Chair.....	2007
Dennis Marcotte.....	2008
Barry Weymouth.....	2009
Robert Zukas.....	2008
Michelle L. Curran, Selectman Rep.	

<b>Supervisors of the Checklist</b>	
Nancy Jackman, Chair.....	2012
Katherine Fitzpatrick.....	2008
Eleanor Peabody.....	2007

<b>Trustees of the Public Library</b>	
Jennifer Kiarsis, Chair.....	2007
Mary Ann George (resigned).....	2006
Scott Lane.....	2008
Thomas Mullings.....	2008
Karen Poznick.....	2007
Catherine Willis.....	2009

<b>Trustees of the Trust Funds</b>	
Susan Drew (resigned).....	2008
Helen A. Hart.....	2007
B. Jill Senter.....	2009

### 2006 APPOINTED OFFICIALS WITH TERMS

<b>Cable Committee</b>	
Henry Szmyt, Chair.....	2007
Madeline Marcotte.....	2008
Davena Szmyt.....	2008
William Verge.....	2006
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.	

<b>Conservation Commission</b>	
Timothy E. Moore, Chair.....	2008
Steven Curran.....	2007
Lawrence W. Gil.....	2007
Frank Lehman.....	2008
B. Jill Senter.....	2009
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectman Rep.	

<b>Recreation Commission</b>	
Greg Mason, Chair.....	2008
Sue Sherman, Vice Chair.....	2008
Joseph D'Arezzo.....	2009

## TOWN & GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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### Recreation Commission Continued

Mark Denoncourt..... 2007  
John Maniella..... 2009  
David Nye..... 2008  
Martha L. Sumner..... 2008  
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectmen Rep.

### Zoning Board of Adjustment

Lawrence Ordway, Chair..... 2007  
Peter Bealo..... 2007  
Clifford Clark..... 2008  
Roderick Cole..... 2007  
Robert Loeffler..... 2008  
Julie Matthews..... 2009

### 2006 APPOINTED OFFICIALS

#### Assistant Moderator

Norman L. Major

#### Beede Reuse Committee

Robert J. Gray, Chair  
Michelle Curran  
Marilyn Davis  
Bertha Hill  
Leigh Komornick  
John McArdle  
Timothy E. Moore  
Merilyn P. Senter  
Lawrence W. Gil, Alternate

#### Capital Improvement Committee

Timothy E. Moore, Chair  
Ronald Hayes

Leigh Komornick  
Jan Penta  
Barry Weymouth  
John A. Sherman, Selectmen Rep.  
Daniel J. Poliquin, Selectmen Rep.  
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Alternate  
Henry Szmyt, Alternate

#### Cemetery Advisory Committee

Francis J. Berube  
Bernadine A. FitzGerald  
Daniel P. Garlington  
Eleanor Peabody  
Herbery Reed, Sexton

### Centennial Civil War Monument Committee

Barry A. Sargent, Chair  
Lou Drew  
Bernadine A. FitzGerald  
T. Richard Latham  
Brenda E. Major  
Norman L. Major  
George Melvin  
Dianne Nye  
Alec Porter  
Martha L. Sumner

### Deputy Treasurers

Ruth E. Jenne  
Brenda E. Major

### Historical Society

Gordon Sykes, President  
Charles Crockett, Vice President  
Anna Tozier, Secretary  
Eleanor Peabody, Treasurer

### Old Home Day Committee

Brian Levasseur, Chair  
Barry Weymouth, Vice Chair  
Sarah Bush  
Wendy Bush  
Dennis Marcotte  
Jim Robinson  
Merilyn P. Senter  
Ernest Sheltry (resigned)  
Tami Smith  
Charles L. Blinn, Jr., Selectmen Rep.

### Open Space Land & Building Committee

Marilyn Davis  
Daniel P. Garlington  
Stephen C. Savage  
B. Jill Senter  
Michelle L. Curran, Selectmen Rep.  
Lawrence W. Gil, Selectmen Rep.  
Brenda E. Major, Alternate  
Daniel J. Poliquin, Alternate

### Pollard Park Tree Committee

Bernadine A. FitzGerald  
Lawrence W. Gil  
Richard Goudreault



## TOWN & GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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### Public Safety Complex Building Committee

Francis J. Berube  
P. Michael Dorman  
Ronald Hayes  
John McArdle  
Stephen C. Savage  
William Scully  
Daniel J. Poliquin, Selectman Rep.

### Town Hall Renovation Committee

Robert J. Gray, Chair  
Rosemarie L. Bayek  
David Bowles  
Marilyn Davis

### Town Hall Renovation Committee Cont.

P. Michael Dorman  
Kenneth Ray  
Barry A. Sargent  
Marilyn P. Senter  
Ernest Sheltry  
Michelle L. Curran, Selectman Rep.

### Town Report Committee

Nicole Carr  
Brenda E. Major  
Marilyn P. Senter  
Martha L. Sumner  
Michelle L. Curran, Selectman Rep.  
John A. Sherman, Selectman Rep.



Barry Sargent, Ernie Sheltry, Dick Latham and Don Sargent.

## TOWN & GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

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### *House District 8, Senate District 22, Governor's Executive Council District 3*

#### **Governor**

***John Lynch***

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### **Additional Local Representatives**

#### ***Kevin L. Camm***

Hampstead

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#### ***David A. Welch***

Kingston

Tel: (603) 642-4402

#### ***John W. Flanders***

Kingston

Tel: (603) 642-3640

#### ***Roger G. Wells***

Hampstead

Tel: (603) 329-6689

#### ***Joseph A. Guthrie***

Hampstead

Tel: (603) 489-1228

#### ***Kenneth L. Weyler***

Kingston

Tel: (603) 642-3518

## TOWN EMPLOYEES

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### 2006 Employees

#### **Executive Department**

Town Manager.....Jason Hoch  
Executive Secretary.....Ruth E. Jenne  
Finance Director.....Lorice Sadewicz  
Management Assistant.....Nicole Carr

#### **Town Hall Departments**

Animal Control Officer.....David Sargent  
Assessing Clerk.....Selwa McLaughlin  
Building Inspector.....P. Michael Dorman  
Building Secretary.....Dee Voss  
Cable Coordinator.....Robert Carolan  
Cemetery Sexton.....Herbert Reed  
Deputy Tax Collector.....Nancy Bolduc  
Deputy Town Clerk.....Joyce Thurston  
Electrical Inspector.....Ken Ray  
Health Officer.....Dennise Horrocks  
Human Services.....Nicole Carr  
Planning Coordinator...Leigh Komornick  
Plumbing Inspector.....Jim Flathers  
Recording Secretary....Michelle Mullings  
Recreation Director.....Carlene E. Sarty  
ZBA Admin. Assistant.....Dee Voss

#### **Emergency Management**

Director.....William T. Scully  
Assistant.....P. Michael Dorman

#### **Highway Department**

Supervisor.....Daniel Garlington  
Foreman.....Dana Rabito  
Laborer.....Aaron Shea  
Laborer.....Andy Jones

#### **Maintenance Department**

Supervisor.....David Bowles  
Custodian.....John Arahovites  
Custodian.....Mario Mejia

#### **Water Department**

Superintendent.....John McArdle  
Maintenance.....Shawn Feeley  
Technician.....Christopher Poliquin

#### **Public Library**

Director.....Laurie Houlihan  
Asst. Director/Youth Services.....Deb Hoadley  
Staff.....LuAnn Blair  
Staff.....Majorie Knowles  
Staff.....Judy Meunier  
Staff.....Abby O'Leary  
Staff.....Flo Rullo  
Staff.....Evan Russell  
Staff Substitute.....Anne Wiggan

#### **Police Department**

Chief.....Stephen C. Savage  
Deputy Chief.....Kathleen A. Jones  
Sergeant.....Thomas Hawthorne  
Sergeant.....Patrick Caggiano  
Sergeant.....Scott Anerson  
Sergeant.....Glenn Miller  
Master Patrol Officer.....Alec Porter  
Master Patrol Officer...Michael Beauchesne  
School Resource Officer.....Joan Marsilia  
Officer.....Valquerio Eiro, Jr.  
Officer.....Brett Morgan  
Officer.....George Wickson  
Officer.....Dorothy McGurren  
Officer.....Nicolas Fiset  
Officer.....Patrick Schiavone  
Officer.....Scott Naismith  
Part-Time Officer.....William Baldwin  
Executive Secretary.....Sarah E. Gibbs  
Secretary.....Jennifer Page  
Part-time Secretary.....Lana Miller  
Victim/Witness Advocate.....April Aucoin  
Crossing Guard.....Gilbert Brasil  
Matron.....Margo Collins  
K-9.....Stryker

#### **Communications Staff**

Supervisor.....Lucia Theberge  
Specialist.....Cherie Chevalier  
Dispatcher.....Jason Mazza  
Dispatcher.....Jason Mazza  
Dispatcher.....Michael Pauk  
Part-time Dispatcher.....Scott LaFrance  
Part-time Dispatcher.....Christina Cruz



## TOWN EMPLOYEES

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### Fire Department

Chief, EMT.....John McArdle  
Deputy Chief, EMT.....Jay Judson III  
Deputy Chief, EMT Paramedic...Jon D. Lovett  
Captain, EMT.....Michael Kennedy  
Captain, EMT .....Ernest Morin  
Lieutenant, EMT.....Christopher Poliquin  
Firefighter.....Robert Agneta  
Firefighter, EMT-I.....Anthony Alvino  
Firefighter, EMT.....Gary Carbonneau  
Firefighter.....Robert Chooljian  
Firefighter, EMT.....Richard Colcord  
Firefighter.....Shawn Feeley  
Firefighter.....Bruce Gusler, Sr.  
Firefighter.....Bruce Gusler, Jr.  
Firefighter, EMT Paramedic...Jay Guzofski  
Firefighter.....Russell Hawkins  
Firefighter, EMT.....Donald Hutchinson

### Fire Department Continued

Firefighter.....Richard Johnston  
Firefighter, EMT-I.....Tamara LaFrancis  
Firefighter, EMT.....Eric LaFrancis  
Photographer.....Robert Lang, Jr.  
Firefighter.....Michael Maynard  
Firefighter, EMT.....Paul McKendry  
EMT.....Maritza Morgan  
Firefighter.....Pat Moynihan  
Firefighter, EMT.....Gardner Owen  
Firefighter.....George A. Peabody  
Firefighter, EMT.....Donald Petzold  
Firefighter, EMT.....Daniel Poliquin  
Firefighter.....David Sargent  
Firefighter, EMT.....William Scully  
Firefighter, EMT.....Scott Vezina  
Firefighter.....Mark Ward  
Firefighter, EMT.....John Wood



Town Manager Jason Hoch.

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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On September 11, 2006, the Board of Selectmen led a service of remembrance on the fifth anniversary of 9/11. We were proud to honor those individuals and families who were so tragically affected on that horrible day just five years ago. We honored our own Police and Fire Department members as a reminder that we must never forget those men and women who protect our community every day. This ceremony gave us an opportunity to remember those who stand ready to offer the ultimate "Service to Our Community".

2006 was a year of change for our community. On behalf of the Plaistow Board of Selectmen, I would like to share with you this past year's successes and challenges, some of the long-range issues that the Town faces and some of our specific goals for the coming year.

The Board changed as we welcomed Dan Poliquin, replacing Martha Sumner, who had decided not to seek re-election. We thank Martha for her years of service and her passionate interest in improving our Town. She utilized her experience in the banking industry to help Plaistow in so many ways, including her service on the Budget Committee and in revising our Personnel Plan. Her strong advocacy for our Recreation and Family Mediation programs continues and is very much appreciated.

A significant change for us was the hiring of Jason Hoch to be our new Town Manager. Jason comes to us from Littleton, NH, and he and his wife Joanna have purchased a home in Plaistow. Jason started in August and has already contributed greatly in improving the day-to-day management of Town affairs as well as having valuable input into the long-term success of Plaistow. John Scruton resigned in January to become the Town Manager in Rochester and we wish John success in all of his endeavors. Jason was hired after a thorough Town Manager search led by Municipal Resources, Inc. who also provided us with Mike Farrell as the part-time interim Town Manager to bridge the gap from John to Jason.

### SOME OF OUR SUCCESSES

We have started development of the long-awaited Recreation Fields on our property on Old County Road. We plan to begin play on those fields in 2008, after the completion of one growing season to ensure the proper initial development of the playing surfaces. This project has been delayed by many factors, including: weather conditions, minor title issues and ensuring that the requirements of New Hampshire's Department of Environmental Sciences (DES) were satisfied. Now we can focus on the future and how exciting it will be to see our children utilizing these fields. We can all hardly wait to hear the first "Play Ball".

The Renovation of our beautiful Town Hall is nearing completion. This year we are presenting a Warrant Article to implement Phase 3 of our 3-phase Plan. Per Phases 1 & 2, we have installed: a four-floor elevator with handicapped accessibility, a fire suppression system, an entirely new electrical system to bring the building up to code, new cable transmission equipment, a new heating and cooling system, repairs to the

roof and gutter system and the preliminary preparation for additional office space. This Phase 3 Warrant Article is intended to complete the renovation project, including: finalizing the newly created office space, renovating existing office space, rearranging town departments to best utilize those areas, configuring areas to be used for meeting space,

implementing cosmetic and functional changes to the Great Hall and many other aspects too numerous to list here. We would like to thank Donald Sargent, who grew up in Plaistow, for his generous contribution of over \$25,000, which he ear-marked for development of the office space on the third floor and for a folding partition for the stage. We believe completion of Phase 3 will give new luster to our beautiful building and, on a much more practical note, satisfy our Town Administration office space needs for many years to come.

Plaistow has been an area leader in the prevention of the spread of Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE). We are pleased that through the diligence and perseverance of our Health Officer, Denise Horrocks, there were no reported human cases in Plaistow this past year. However, the battle is not over, and we are requesting funds in our operating budget in order to stay vigilant in this pursuit. Plaistow's control program is excellent and has been recommended by the Commissioner of the NH Department of Health and Human Services as THE Model Plan for other Town's to follow. This is still a serious health illness that can claim the lives of its victims. We must continue to prepare for this or any other such pandemic that can so quickly impact the lives of our citizens.

In early November our Fire and Rescue Department, along with other key town personnel, participated in a drill with the Civil Support Team (CST/WMD) of the NH National Guard. This training exercise was linked to a make-believe clandestine lab preparing hazardous materials that could be distributed to restaurants with potentially devastating results. The follow-up letter from the National Guard says it best- the test was a resounding "success due largely to the consistent involvement of your Fire Chief and Deputy Chief... The 12<sup>th</sup> CST(WMD) has conducted exercises with over two dozen agencies within NH and I must say that we have never received such overwhelming support from a local community. (Signed) Captain Kevin Major". The Board is proud of the work of Chief McArdle and Deputy Chief Lovett, and of all the members of the Department. This is the kind of behind the scenes effort consistently delivered by these dedicated employees, and yet is so easily overlooked. (For the record, this test was obviously NOT pre-publicized, but the local newspaper was given the opportunity to observe so that the results could be publicized after the event.)

Working with the Town Moderator and the School Administration, we moved the polling location back to Pollard School in 2006. Our plan is to continue voting at Pollard- on non-school days whenever possible.

We did considerable work to upgrade the Town's computer network. There were issues that the Board decided had to be addressed immediately. We worked with our contractor to implement these necessary changes. This work was critical and could not wait for the 2007 budget year.

### ON-GOING CHALLENGES

James Chow, Project Manager of the EPA's clean-up at the Beede site, presented an update to the Board of Selectmen. Last year he reported that over 90,000 gallons of oil have been recovered- so far. This year he reported that the EPA will begin to order the PRPs (Primary Responsible Parties) to pay for the cost of the clean up.



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We all appreciate that the legal gears will grind for a while at this stage. But yes, progress is being made. As we said last year- the property didn't get contaminated overnight and the cleanup won't happen overnight.

We continue to keep our property assessments up-to-date. This isn't a popular activity, but it must be done. We continue to maintain excellent accuracy and fairness in our assessments, remaining in the top 10% in the state, as reported by the NH Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). We understand that this constant assessment review causes agitation and aggravation for our citizens. But we are legally required to keep assessments fair and accurate and it's less costly to update each year rather than have a periodic state-mandated full assessment. In past years, we needed to adjust our assessments upward as sales figures rose and now that sales figures have dropped in certain categories, we needed to adjust the assessments downward accordingly. Our current plan is that we will not do a significant update of assessments in 2007. The Board predicts that the real estate market will be more stable than it has been in years and therefore we can save the cost of another significant adjustment. In addition, this past year we have preliminary results that show we successfully passed the cyclical Town Assessment Procedure Review conducted by DRA. This was a regular review as part of the state's rotation. The final review report from DRA will be received in 2007.

We continue to push for significant improvement in the matter of State Funding of Education. Plaistow's revenue from the State for education funding decreased by approximately \$300,000 last year and we all felt it in our tax bills. Through the Town's membership in NH Café (Committee for Adequate Funding of Education), we were part of the successful suit against the state, whereby the court has ordered our legislature to make significant education funding changes. We would like to be optimistic that a better solution will be forthcoming; one that provides more appropriate and equitable funding for our children's education and one that won't so negatively impact our tax rate like last year.

With the past two year's rejection of our recommendation for building a new Highway Garage, the Board formed a new committee to re-study the issue. The committee members are Larry Gil and Dan Poliquin of the Selectmen and Dan Hooper and George Peabody of the Budget Committee. This committee is asking for funding to support finding an appropriate location for the garage. They are focusing on town-owned land, particularly other locations on the landfill site, but they need additional information and outside engineering expertise before a solution can be recommended to the townspeople.

This year we commissioned an updated Highway Improvement Program (or RSMS- Road Surface Management System) be prepared by the Beta Group consultants, working with Dan Garlington, Highway Superintendent. Their combined analysis showed that overall our Town roads are at a level of 83 on a scale of 100, better than most communities. Their process is to classify all of our roads into one of 6 status categories. To bring all of our roads to the highest status ("no repair necessary") would cost an estimated \$2.2 million. They also estimate that if we did no work, the cost would grow by \$800,000 each year; i.e. to \$3 million in 2007, \$3.8 million in 2008, etc. They concur with the Board that investing \$225,000 each year in our road infrastructure will ensure that this rating will not drop and that the cost of the backlog will not grow.



In other words, invest \$225,000 to save \$800,000. Therefore, the BOS is presenting Warrant Articles to support this plan. We are also presenting a Warrant Article that this future funding be part of the operating budget as we feel it is more appropriately considered an annual expense. It is our intent to monitor the impact to our rating and backlog caused by this level of spending and to adjust if necessary. We agree that overall our roads are in good shape and that we must continue to invest to keep them this way. This is another area where we are searching for the appropriate consistent level of annual funding needed to maintain our infrastructure at a level that meets the taxpayer's needs and ability to pay.

In November, the Town had to borrow money, in the form of Tax Anticipation Notes, for the first time in at least 10 years. The simple explanation is that we were late in mailing the second set of tax bills, and as a result, we ran out of cash. This problem was caused by a series of issues. We received the assessment updates from the Assessor's Agent late. We did not process them as expeditiously as we should. We were delayed by DRA when they could not resolve the location, ownership or even existence of a small utility-owned piece of property. We were in transition from an interim to full-time Town Manager. And per direction from the tax-payers, we have been "spending down" the unexpended fund balance and didn't fully anticipate the impact to our cash balance in October/November, when it is annually at its low point. All together, these events meant that we ran out of "cash". It is not a deficit, it is not driven by overspending, it is primarily a timing issue. The Town Manager has already implemented monitoring activities to prevent this from happening in the future. It's a frustrating issue to run out of cash, especially when you have \$10 million of Accounts Receivable (tax bills) that will soon be mailed. In December, the interest on borrowing this money was paid and a portion of that cost has been recovered from one of the involved parties.

### FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

As a Board, we review and revise our Goals every 4 months: immediately after Town Meeting, in the summer before the start of the budgeting process and at the end of the year as we finalize the submission of our Warrant Articles. These goals are published elsewhere in this Town Report. By reviewing them, you can see the depth and breadth of the issues facing Plaistow and how we must balance the tactical operations of the Town Government with the strategic planning that will ensure the long-term delivery of services that our residents expect.

In 2007 we are requesting funds to expand the waterline along Route 125 in the Old County Road to Walton Road area. This coincides with work that the State of N.H. will be doing in that area to improve Route 125. We also our plan to start setting aside town funds that will be available for use when the State works on the more southerly sections of Route 125, starting in 2010 (NOTE: this year may change due to increased costs of I-93 expansion). Any expansion of the waterline along 125 must coincide with the State's effort, else the costs to the Town will be prohibitive. This expansion will allow us to tap into industrial development for increased revenue and to build additional loops into the system. These loops will allow delivery of water even if a break occurs. One of our Goals this year is a full review and assessment of our Waterline system, so expect a detailed update next year.

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We will continue to pursue the re-negotiation of our Cable Franchise Agreement. The effect of Verizon apparently dropping out of the cable TV business in NH is not yet clear. Not a lot happened on this front in 2006- expect more activity in 2007 as we get nearer to the contract's expiration.

In 2007, we will be pursuing options for increased parking availability around Town Hall. No decisions have been made, but various options have been discussed. We have committed that we would not seek funding until we have reviewed the options and presented a potential solution to our Town Hall neighbors.

In 2007, we will start our efforts toward implementing a Records Management System. A Town of our size has a lot of paperwork. In 2007 we plan to work with a consultant to document and analyze our requirements and to explore possible automation alternatives. Look for an update in next year's Town Report.

Please review our Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) contained in this Town Report. A primary goal of this plan is to provide a framework as we seek to find the consistent capital investment that will maintain a level tax impact each year. We are getting closer each year. In big picture terms, we are planning to have the Recreation Fields funded (in 2007), the Town Hall Renovation completed (in 2007) and the Library Bond paid off (in 2009). Having these projects completed will allow us to allocate funds for building a new Highway Garage and exploring our future Safety Complex expansion needs. We can't afford to fund these capital projects all at once.

### ENJOY OUR TOWN REPORT

Our Town Report won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the state competition for 2005. Over the last 3 years we have finished 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations to last year's committee of John Scruton, Nikki Carr, Marilyn Senter, Martha Sumner and John Sherman. And thanks to the Department Heads, Elected Officials and Committee Chairpersons for the timely and thorough submissions to the committee. Our goal is to continue to produce a useful and informative report for our citizens, and, by so doing, to finish 1<sup>st</sup> in the state again.

Thanks to the Plaistow Lions Club, our choice for Citizen(s) of the Year last year. They continue to unselfishly provide services to the Town of Plaistow and all its citizens.

Enjoy your Town Report, and don't forget to visit [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com).

Respectfully submitted,

*John A. Sherman*

Chairman, Board of Selectmen

## EXERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS

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From the Board of Selectmen – It is our hope that you enjoy these excerpts from past Town Reports.

### **PLAISTOW 50 YEARS AGO**

#### ***Excerpts from the 1956 Annual Town Report***

**Cover:** Sketches of Holy Angels and Baptist churches.

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed \$270.00 for the purchase of an adding machine.

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum not to exceed of \$700.00 for the purchase of a multi-purpose machine to mow the parks and plow the sidewalks of the Town.

**Article 10.** To see whether the Town will vote to pay the Collector of Taxes the salary of \$1,500.00 as full compensation for the collection of taxes for the ensuing year. (By petition.)

**Article 13.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Kimball Avenue. (By petition.)

**Article 14.** To see if the Town will vote to accept Whiton Street, off Westville Road.(By petition.)

**Article 15.** To see if the Town will vote to appoint a committee of three persons to constitute an Industrial Commission to study the suitability and advantages of this community for various types of industrial development, to prepare and disseminate brochures and other advertising of the advantages of this community and to endeavor to secure the location of suitable industries within the community. Said Committee to be appointed by the Moderator and Selectmen acting in concert.

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 for the use of the Civil Defense.

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to permit the Plaistow Bowling Alleys to open and operate said Bowling Alleys on the Sabbath after 1 p. m. afternoon, and to close no later than 11 p. m., and shall abide by all By-laws and ordinances that the Selectmen shall adopt.

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a fund of \$1,000.00 to be set up as a Road Machinery account.

<b><u>Total Gross Valuation Before Exemptions</u></b>	\$4,087,546.00
Less: Soldiers' Exemptions	\$216,025.00
Net Valuation on Which Rate is Computed	\$3,871,521.00

**Some Departmental Budgets:** Dump = \$1800, Highway Summer = \$7500, Winter = \$4000

**From the Report of the Librarian for 1956:** In 1956 many questions were asked the



librarian- a major question was – What is TV doing to reading habits? We hope an answer was found by urging good reading for children. Good programs on TV were followed by requests for books pertaining to the program...

The bookmobile visited Plaistow four times during the year.

**From the Report of the Plaistow Fire Department:** In the last part of October, our new 750 gallon, triple-combination pumper, which was voted on at the last Town Meeting, was delivered. On November 8 an Underwriter's Test was made by the N.H. Board of Underwriters and the truck was passed with excellent results. The spurt test results were 890 gallons per minute at 150 pounds pressure... Because of the new piece of equipment it became necessary to build an addition to the present firehouse. Through the generous response of the Fire Association and a few townspeople all labor on the building has been donated. The Association has also furnished over twenty-three hundred dollars to the cost of materials.

**From the Planning Board Report for 1956:** During the year the Planning Board was formed and the following are its members and their term of office: George B. Keezer, Chairman – 4 years, Nelson M. Schwaner, Clerk – 3 years, Albert E. Hoyt – 2 years, Anthony Cogswell – 1 year, Leroy S. Dube, Selectman...

Subdivision Regulations are being prepared with the help of the State Planning and Development Commission and will be completed and ready for a public hearing sometime after Town Meeting.

**From Civil Defense:** The Civil Defense program has experienced its ups and downs the last year and while we do not have the large personnel that we have had, we are trying to build up a police unit and also a wardens group to work in conjunction with our nurses, couriers and women's feeding group.

Communication equipment has been purchased to further aid our program and while progress may well be going slow, we are trying to take our rightful place in the social and economic structure of our town.

**From the Report of the Board of Health:** In regards to the Salk Vaccine program instituted by the State Department of Health, all children from 1 to 19, whose parents gave consent, have had to date, two inoculations with this vaccine and it is now understood that the third inoculation will soon take place.

**From the Report of Summer Playground:** The year the Pollard PTA Recreation Committee was formed to take care of the leisure hours of Plaistow's children as a yearly program.

Our first project was a summer playground which was deemed a huge success due to the efforts of our supervisors, Mr. Robert W. Dolph, Mrs. John E. Atwood and Miss Priscilla Bramley. The average attendance was 50 pupils per day... The purchase of a set of swings, sand box and miscellaneous equipment for the permanent playground completed our program.



**From the School Warrant:** By petition, to see if the Plaistow school district will vote to petition the State Board of Education to become part of a cooperative school district for the education of the secondary school children (grades seven through twelve) with other districts in the area, including the districts of Newton, Brentwood, Kingston, Danville, or any two of the districts in addition to the school district of Plaistow.

**And from the Superintendent of Schools:** When the addition to the Pollard School was not passed at the last school district meeting it was necessary to complete a new basement room at a cost of \$2,242.83. The two basement rooms which were formerly a shop and home economics room are now classrooms. We will attempt to go one more year with overloaded classes in the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades but for September 1958 a new four room addition is imperative. The double grades will have reached the 7<sup>th</sup> grades and there will be one room short. This addition will make it possible to again offer shop and home economics. By September 1959 the double grades will have reached through grade 8 and with shop and home economics programs using the basement rooms we will have a well rounded program with all rooms used to capacity.

### **PLAISTOW 40 YEARS AGO**

#### ***Excerpts from the 1966 Annual Town Report***

**On the Cover:** A sketch of Plaistow Town Hall.

**Article 6** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 to be set aside in a Special Reserve Fund for the future purchase of new and improved equipment for the Fire Department. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 11** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for additional brick pointing of the Town Hall building. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**Article 13** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to lay a 10 inch water line from the water tower to Main Street. (Recommended by the Budget Committee)

**From the Report of Board of Selectmen:** The Selectmen, in cooperation with the Industrial Commission, have assisted Process Engineering Co. to get established and we are gratified to see the buildings and continued growth of this new industry. It is equally encouraging to see the activity at Penn Box and we anticipate further growth in this business also. The new shopping complex to be constructed by C. Durso and Sons on Route No. 125 will be a most welcome asset to the Town and the return to the Town of the Keezer Manufacturing Co. is indeed an additional asset.

**From the Fire Department Report for 1966:** A new fire truck has been purchased; this truck holds fifteen hundred (1,500) gallons of water and has a five hundred (500) gallon per minute pump as well as general accessories. The bid for the truck was given to the Farrar Company which was the lowest of five bidders. Delivery date of the truck will be June 1.

**From the Report of the Planning Board:** The following streets have been approved for

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building permits but will not be accepted for the Town until finished: Rustic Lane, Dauntless Lane, Little Nook Road, Brookside Road, Auburn Street, Barker Street, Shady Lane, Dundee Drive.

**From the Report of the Building Inspector:** ... 54 New Dwellings

**From the Report of the Plaistow Board of Health:** There were two cases where water lines had to be replaced due to their being too close to sewerage discharge areas.

**From the Playground Recreation Program Report:** Included in the program this year were games, fine arts, and all kinds of recreation. The average attendance was considerably higher than that of other years, with a daily average of 70 children. The range in ages of these children extended from the 1<sup>st</sup> grade thru the 8<sup>th</sup> grade.

**From the Report of the Road Agent for 1966:** The TRA money is being used on Crane Crossing Road. Some new culverts were added and new catch basins built.

**From the Plaistow Industrial Commission Annual Report:** The year 1966 was a big one for Plaistow with the decision of Process Engineering, Inc. to construct a million dollar plant on the industrial property next to Pennsylvania Box Company. The first phase has been constructed and production has begun. The impact of this major firm has already been felt with an improved economy represented by: 1. Natural gas distribution line piped through a section of Plaistow, 2. Increased purchasing in town, 3. The old bowling alley converted into an attractive office building, 4. New high voltage electric supply, 5. New shopping center, auto service stations, and the approval of a new commercial bank... One of the major events of the year happened at a special town meeting held on March 29, when the town voted by 200-9 to construct a 100,000 gallon water tower.

### **PLAISTOW 30 YEARS AGO**

#### ***Excerpts from the 1976 Annual Town Report***

**On the Cover:** A photo of Plaistow Town Hall

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Two Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars (\$5,268.00) for the purpose of conducting a summer recreation program for all children of Plaistow, of elementary school age and to authorize the Selectmen to apply, negotiate and do all other things necessary to get approval of and to accept and spend Comprehensive Employment Training Act (CETA) funds to pay wages and to accept and expend Community Services Administration (CSA) funds for the purpose of purchasing recreation equipment and materials. Said CETA and CSA funds to be used to reduce the above dollars sum appropriated by the Town. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to be set aside and added to the Fire Department Equipment Reserve Fund for the future purchase of new and improved equipment for the Fire Department. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

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**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$1,700.00) for a storage building for the Recreation Field at Ingalls Terrace. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 17.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00) to increase the salary of the Tax Collector. (Not recommended by the Budget Committee.) NOTE: NOT passed.

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) be set aside for a Highway Equipment Reserve Fund for future purchase of highway equipment. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend \$351,966.00 approved by the United States Economic Development Administration for the extension of the towns Municipal Water System, the application for which was approved at the special town meeting of December 14, 1976, pursuant to the provisions of the Public Works Capital Investment Act of 1976. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 37.** To see if the Town will vote to plow sidewalks in the walking distance for school children on Main Street to the Pollard School. By petition. Note: Not passed.

**Article 38.** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Plaistow Historical Society, Inc., to use a designated room in the Town Hall for meeting purposes and for storage and display of historical artifacts. By petition. Note: Tabled.

**From the Report of the Selectmen:** A Highway Department has been formed with a working supervisor and one highway maintenance person paid from town funds and three laborers paid with Federal Funds (CETA). Two trucks with plow attachments, two sanders and a combination backhoe/loader have been acquired. A metal Highway building has been erected at the Sanitary Landfill site by John A. Palmer & Son with a contract price of \$25,000.00...

The water main extension construction project, from the existing line to the Fire Station, in the amount of \$52,000.00 approved last year, is now under way...

The application for \$351,966.00 for a grant of Federal Funds... The project includes a 12" water main for fire protection purposes which could be a basis for potable drinking water. The project has been divided into three sections: 1. From junction of R.R. tracks and Main St., up Main St. to Maple Ave., to Witch Lane for a total of 3,120 feet, where a 1,000,000 gallon water reservoir will be constructed. 2. Another 930 feet of pipe will be installed from the Fire Station down Main Street to Chadwick Ave. to Keezer Manufacturing Co. 3. Additional 2000 feet of pipe to be installed from B & M Railroad tracks to Westville Road to Route 125. This project was and will be instrumental in bringing in and retaining industry in town.

After much thought and consideration in looking at the availability of properties in the town, and the outlook pointing to the scarcity of acceptable properties at reasonable prices to



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satisfy the growing needs of the town in the future, the Selectmen recommend the purchase of the Legasse building to take care of the future needs of the Fire Department, Highway Department and the housing of Police Vehicles.

**Report of the Police Department:** The Department was again faced with two Strikes, (these making four in as many years), one at Westville Homes and the other at Process Engineering. These put a severe strain of Department Personnel; but the Mutual Aid arrangement with neighboring departments enabled us to keep the necessary men available for duty thus keeping the situations for the most part quiet and orderly.

**Report of the Civil Defense:** The rescue feature of our Civil Defense is becoming more of an integral part of routine emergency, and plays an important part of our service to Plaistow and surrounding communities. This past year, members of the Fire Department have worked hard in order to put the truck, purchased by the women's Fire Department Auxiliary, in good working order. A new motor was installed, and much equipment was donated by the Foremen's Association. The Town can be proud to have one of the finest and well equipped rescue vehicles in the state.

**Report of the Planning Board:** 1976 Town Meeting action approved changes to the zoning regulations regarding plain zoning and acceptance of Wildbrook Drive, Glendale Circle and Bittersweet Drive.

**From the Report of the Fire Department:** Your Board of Fire Engineers worked diligently on specifications for a new truck, and a contract was awarded to Howe Apparatus Company at a price of \$63,673.00 for a pumper which is scheduled to be delivered in June of 1977. The truck will have a front suction which will be invaluable in our drafting operations.

**From the Report of the Board of Health:** Sewerage drainage is still a major problem. With the increasing population and the projected residential and industrial growth of the Town, prompt action must be taken.

**From the Report of the Recreation Commission:** Development of the recreation field on Ingalls Terrace got underway with the opening of construction bids on March 29, 1976. Actual construction began on April 19<sup>th</sup> and after some delay due to wet grounds and inclement weather completion was on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Due to the dry summer seeding and fertilizing will have to be done in the spring... There were field trips which included the New England Aquarium, Benson's Wild Animal Farm and Franklin Park Zoo. We purchased tee shirts so that all the children were easily recognized by the chaperones... Special thanks go to Will Ketchum and Stu McCormack for their help with the boys program.

**From the Report of the Conservation Commission:** To date, more than 500 gallons of waste oil have been collected from the waste oil tank at the town disposal area. This tank was placed there through the efforts of the commission for use by the townspeople. The oil collected provides a twofold benefit. First, it represents 500 gallons of a natural resource that has been recycled and second, it is 500 gallons of oil that has been disposed of properly and therefore has been kept out of our underground drinking water resources.



**From the Report of the Bicentennial Committee:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebration began on Friday with sky divers and a band concert provided by the Haverhill City Band. Thanks to Boy Scout Troup 18, Plaistow had its first bonfire. On Saturday an Old Time Country Fair was held on the Town Hall Green. The "Colby" Dunking Machine provided a lot of fun for young and old. On display provided by the Plaistow Historical Society was a section of the "Old Elm" which brought memories back for many people. Sunday our celebration started with an Ecumenical Service at the Plaistow Baptist Church. At 2:00 P.M. bells rung out across the nation; Clifton Cook rang the bells at the Baptist Church. In the afternoon Poster Contest Awards were presented. The Children of the Library presented a Bicentennial Play. In conclusion a battle between the Militias was performed.

### **PLAISTOW 20 YEARS AGO** ***Excerpts from the 1986 Annual Town Report***

**On the Cover:** A picture of the old Legasse Building and a picture of the new Safety Complex.

**Article 14.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment No. Twelve as proposed by PETITION of Citizens for Orderly Growth and others for the Town Zoning Ordinance as follows: To see if the Town will vote to eliminate Article XIII – Cluster Development from Plaistow's Zoning Ordinance, thus directing the Planning Board to eliminate cluster development from the Master Plan. (Not Recommended by the Planning Board.)

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars (\$4,000) to increase the tax collector's salary from \$8,000 to \$12,000 annually, for an average of 32 hours per week availability to the public at a rate of \$7.21 per hour. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000) to repair the cannons on Pollard Square. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$5,400) to replace the tile flooring on the first floor of the town hall and install carpeting in the offices, and to further authorize the selectmen to withdraw Three Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$3,400) from the Federal Revenue Sharing Fund to offset this cost.

**Article 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Dollars (\$18,000) to have a road maintenance plan developed by a consultant engineer. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-two Thousand Dollars (\$32,000) for the purchase of a backhoe for the highway department and to authorize the board of selectmen to withdraw the full amount of the capital reserve fund (\$12,600) and to authorize the trade-in of the present backhoe. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

## EXERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS

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**Article 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety-five Thousand Dollars (\$95,000) for the purchase of a used ladder truck for the fire department and authorize the Board of Fire Engineers to make the purchase of said truck. (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500) to establish the fulltime position of Recreation and Parks Director for the Town of Plaistow. Date of hire will be May 1, 1987. The annual salary will be fifteen to eighteen thousand dollars (\$15,000 - \$18,000), said sums include employee benefits and taxes. By petition. (Not Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**From the Board of Selectmen's Report:** 1986 was also the year that data processing was introduced into the town hall. We have our budgeting and payroll in operation and plan to introduce the tax software package in the spring of 1987...

Plaistow is into its third year of a 5-year renewable contract for trash removal. We ask your patience and understanding while adapting to door to door pickup, as we realize the convenience of "going to the dump on the weekend" is a thing of the past. The result of the 20-odd years of dumping at the Old County Road site has a nearly one million dollar price tag for cleanup. We will be bonding over a period of time to cap and seal the site in a manner approved by the State of New Hampshire. The site will remain undeveloped and the monitoring wells will undergo quarterly testing for many years to ensure the contamination has dissipated.

**From the Report of the Town Water Line:** With the shopping center going up on Rte. 125, this water line is a must and an extension must be considered in the near future. We must have water in a short period of time in the event of a fire and the water line is the most practical source.

**From the Report of the Highway Safety Committee:** Although our in-town streets have become busier as people seek alternatives to travel on Rte. 125, the Highway Safety Committee feels we have just seen the tip of the iceberg. In addition to reconstruction of the (Railroad) overpass, the town will see added traffic from the Pentucket Shopping Mall, the Old County Square mall, and the several multi-family projects which were okayed in 1986... An urgent need in Plaistow is a complete road evaluation and a concrete plan for upgrading those roads which, for the most part, are substandard.

**From the Report of the Building Inspector:** 1986 was a year of growth and concern. The growth prompted by Plaistow's geographical position, close to the Massachusetts border, and concern raised by some citizens, disturbed by what they perceived (as) too much, too fast.

**From the Office of Emergency Management:** During the past year, the Emergency Management Plan has been updated to accommodate the changes with the new public safety facility. All town employees and officials serving on various Boards have a defined responsibility in a catastrophic situation.

**From the Report from Derry Visiting Nurse Association:** ...As your community home health care agency, Derry VNA is committed with you to address the continuum of human health concerns in Plaistow from early childhood health promotion, to helping people recuperate at home after an acute episode of illness, to caring for the elderly and handicapped in their homes.

**From the Report of the Recreation Commission:** An important step this year was the installation of an outdoor skating rink at Earl Smith Memorial Field. Many thanks go to the Plaistow Lions Club for their work on this project.

...We have tried to make the town aware that a Recreation Director is needed in this community. The main reasons for the Director would be the continuous growth of the community and the variety of recreational programs needed to support such a community.

**From the Report of the Plaistow Historical Society, Inc.:** First of all, we wish to thank all the people who have so generously supported us in all our endeavors this past year. The monetary donations, the materials and labor given gratuitously for the renovations of our new home (the former fire station) and for the words of encouragement for the monumental undertaking of renovating the building. We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen and their staff for all their help and understanding, the Plaistow firemen for moving our very heavy display cases and files...

As of this report, the two large overhead doors have been removed and two beautiful bay windows and a door have been placed around the windows. A panic bar, handles and locks have been installed on the door and the walls have been studded. Our next priority is electrical work, followed by the installation of a new heating system. Soon we shall be ready to install sheetrock, and by early spring, the gable will be redone. After that, the outside will be ready for painting.

### **PLAISTOW 10 YEARS AGO** ***Excerpts from the 1996 Annual Town Report***

**On the Cover:** A picture of the afghan designed for the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration in 1999.

**Article 4.** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000 for the construction of a new salt shed that will hold approximately 640 tons of minerals, predominantly salt, at the highway department site off Old County Road. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the CIP Committee.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 6.** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 for the purchase of new playground equipment to be placed at the Smith Field town Parks and Recreation site. Fifty percent of the cost, or \$7500 will be reimbursed through fund raising donations raised by the Friends of the Recreation. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the CIP Committee.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)



## EXERPTS FROM PREVIOUS TOWN REPORTS

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**Article 14.** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,600 to install a new gas furnace heating system in town hall to replace the present failing oil furnace. Said sum will cover preparation and installation of two gas fired systems to cover both heating and air conditioning, and to complete all duct work and piping. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the CIP Committee.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 15.** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$21,450 to cover the costs to upgrade the present town hall electrical system to meet current town electrical building codes. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the CIP Committee.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 19.** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$539 to increase the Tax Collector's salary by \$500 from \$18,000 to \$18,500. The additional \$39 is to cover town payments to social security and medicare. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.) (Recommended by the Budget Committee.)

**Article 30.** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 to purchase a World War II Monument in honor of the Plaistow men and women who served their community and country in WW II. Said Monument will be placed on the Town Hall Green. Said sum will be reimbursed by \$1,000 in fund raising and donations. BY PETITION

**Article 32.** Shall the town vote to accept Greenfield Drive and Edgewood Road. (Notation; if accepted the town will be taking over these roads for the purpose of maintaining them.) BY PETITION

**From the Report of Board of Selectmen:** ... We also faced a number of operational challenges, the rehiring of Robert Belmore as Town Manager, revaluation of properties, establishment of a water department, lack of a signed contract with our police.

... After years of hard work on the part of many people the Cash Energy site was finally recognized as a site eligible to receive federal funding for clean up.

**From the Report of the Code Enforcement Officer:** At this time, it appears 1997 will be a continuation of 1996. Residential Housing will continue with 30-40 new homes.

**From the Report of Fire Department:** As many residents are aware, this was the first full year the state-wide 9-1-1 emergency number was put into effect. We had much success with this system, providing a definitive address of the caller.

**From the Report of the Highway Department:** I thank you for the purchase of our 1996 F:150 Ford 1 ton dump truck...

I will be having one warrant article for a dome salt shed because our salt shed is in such poor condition. Salt run-off has started and it is only a matter of time before E.P.A. will step in to force us to comply with their regulations...



**From the Report of the Parks and Recreation Department:** In the coming year the Recreation Department looks forward to continued expansion. We are actively seeking a new location for a large recreational and athletic facility for the Town of Plaistow.

**From the Report of the Health Department:** The Department continues to monitor water quality at all Town buildings. Sampling can be done for residential wells as well. Kits are available at the Town Health Department for residents to sample their own wells.

**From the Report of the Water Department:** ... At one point the town was considering draining the reservoir in order to perform a detailed inspection of the liner. This was not necessary as I was able to secure the services of two divers to perform this inspection, at no cost to the Town.

**From the Report of the Plaistow Area Transit Advisory Committee:** The NHDOT has almost completed the Plaistow Park and Ride and we look forward to a grand opening as soon as construction can start up again in the spring of 1997. It will include a paved lot for approximately 250 cars as well as designed areas for bus stops. The lot will be lighted and there will be shelters and bicycle racks. We continue to work towards expanding the MBTA commuter train service to the Plaistow Park and Ride lot, but progress continues to be very slow. With the elections now over and new personnel in the vital transportation areas both in Massachusetts and New Hampshire it looks as though 1997 could be a "breakthrough" year.



Selectmen's Executive Secretary Ruth Jenne at the Town's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

## SELECTMEN 1924 TO PRESENT

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Ackerman, Delores G.	1981-1991, 1993-1995	Kelleher, Daniel J.	1943-1946
Atwood, John E.	1953-1955	Kelleher, H. Thomas	1936-1942
Blinn Jr., Charles L.	1992-present	Laing, Douglas B.	1979-1981
Bramley, William C.	1957-1959	Leathe, Frank L.	1952-1956, 1959-1961
Britton Jr., Darrel W.	1986-1992	Leathe, Leslie	1951
Brown Jr., Alexander	1986-1987	Levasseur, Brian A.	1982-1985
Burns, William J.	1929-1935	Major, Norman L.	1969-1978, 1980, 1990-1991
Cannon, Donald E.	1981-1983	Marston, Everett	1948-1950
Colcord, Arthur T.	1932-1937	McPherson, Michael	1979-1980
Colcord, J. Russell	1950-1952	Melvin, George E.	1994-1999
Collins, Mary M.	1991-1996	Palmer, John A.	1946-1951
Conti, Samuel	1978-1980	Palmer, Paul D.	1936
Cullen, Thomas H.	1962-1976	Poliquin, Daniel J.	2006-present
Curran, Michelle L.	2005-present	Richardson, John T.	1924-1928
Daniels, Sandra J.	1988-1990	Rizzo, Vincent R.	1984-1986
Denault, Arthur J.	1947	Roberts, Norman N.	1952-1956
Dube, LeRoy S.	1956-1969, 1976-1978	Sargent, Barry	1973-1975, 1979
Emmons, Michael L.	1998-2000	Sarty, Carlene E.	2000-2001
Ewing, Malcom M.	1959-1962	Senter, Marilyn P.	1996-2005
Flanders, Harry W.	1937-1948	Shaw, Elwood D.	1963-1965
Gil, Lawrence W.	1992-1997, 2003-present	Sherman, John A.	2001-present
Goodwin, Charles T.	1957-1959	Silloway, C. Hugh	1966-1968
Gosselin, G. Harrold	1925-1929	Sleeper, John W.	1927-1931
Graham, Charles R.	1980-1985, 1987	Smith, Fred B.	1950
Grant, Willard M.	1930-1938	Sumner, Martha L.	2002-2006
Gray, Robert J.	2000-2002	Szmyt, Davena	1985-1991
Harnett, David	1991-1993	Todd, Milton H.	1977-1979
Hobbs, Barbara	1997-1999	Ventura, John C.	1985-1990
Ibbotson, J.W.C.	1924	Witherell, J. Wesley	1938-1945
Keezer, D. Joan	1980-1984	Wrigley, George	1970-1972
Keezer, Wallace	1924-1926		



Selectmen bid a fond farewell to outgoing Town Manager John Scruton.

## REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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The past year marked several changes in the office of Town Manager. John Scruton departed as Town Manager in February, Mike Farrell, of Municipal Resources, Inc. provided interim Town Manager services through the spring and early summer and I began to serve in August. Nevertheless, through these changes, the Town continued to pursue a variety of projects during this year of transition.

The second phase of Town Hall renovations continued with repointing of brickwork, the complete replacement of heating and air conditioning system and roof repair. This fall, with assistance of a generous donation of Donald Sargent, the Planning and Building Safety Offices moved to the third floor, in the former balcony area. This space was divided into new offices and completely overhauled. For those residents that have not had an opportunity to view this new space, I encourage you to visit the office.

Major work also continued at the new Recreation Fields off Old County Road. This year marked a transformation from brown to green as the playing fields began to take shape. Additionally, fences were installed and a well and pump house were added, with water service being provided for future concessions and bathrooms as well as two houses along Old County Road.

Other significant projects during the year included extension of the fire suppression water line at the intersection of Main Street and Route 125, paving of various roads as approved by Town Meeting and completion of a multi-year pavement management system that will allow the Town to strategically invest in road repairs in a manner that tries to maximize the impact Town's spending. Preliminary design and engineering for replacing the Garden Road Bridge was completed in the fall. While the Town is not eligible for state reimbursement until 2009, we are proceeding with final engineering to have everything ready to go out to bid as soon as possible in 2008.

We faced a challenge late in the year as we needed a Tax Anticipation Note to cover expenses until tax bills were mailed. While this is a common practice in many towns, Plaistow's fund balance had previously provided sufficient cash to cover these situations. Over the past several year, the Town used this fund balance both to pay for projects and to reduce taxes, with the outlook that it was not necessary to raise taxes when there was money in the bank. Following the short term borrowing this year, we were able to take a closer look at the Town's pattern of cash flow to establish targets for the fund balance in order to avoid future borrowing.

I have worked closely with staff, the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to adjust and refine some of our financial management and reporting practices to encourage greater transparency of how we spend money and for what items and services we are spending that money. Additionally, we requested that the Local Government Center perform an internal controls assessment of our financial management. This is a free service provided as part of our membership in the New Hampshire Municipal Association. Their report recognized the Town's generally strong operations and offered several suggestions for further accountability and reduction of risk in our operations. We expect to implement their recommendations in the coming year.



## REPORT OF THE TOWN MANAGER

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During the coming year, the Board of Selectmen and I have identified the following projects to address:

1. Monitor work of Hoyle, Tanner & Associates, Inc., engineers on reconstruction plan for Garden Road Bridge.
2. Coordinate schedule for Phase III of Town Hall renovations.
3. Work with Chief McArdle in planning design/construction of waterline at intersection of Old County Road and 125.
4. Work with legal counsel and the Cable Committee to move forward franchise renewal with Comcast.
5. Assist Highway Garage Committee to gather information about garage site alternatives and develop strategy for public participation in garage replacement process.
6. Review and update accounts payable procedure and cash flow management strategies and reporting.
7. Work with Planning Board and staff to review impact fee program and develop operating procedures for use and disbursement of funds.
8. Initiate development of department operating procedures and guidelines.
9. Implement central billing program for special details and other billing (non-tax and vehicle).
10. Strengthen reporting and tracking of all Town funds within fund accounting system.
11. Implement an Employee Training Plan as part of the performance review process.

While the past year was filled with change, the Town benefited from strong professionalism and competency from its Department Heads and staff who continued progress through the turnover in the Manager's office.

Finally, I genuinely appreciate the assistance and warm welcome that my wife and I have received both professionally and personally. We are glad to be part of your community. For those residents who I have not yet, I do hope our paths cross in the coming year. If the Town can be of service in any way or if I can assist with any question or concern you have, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

*Jason Hoch*

Town Manager

## FEBRUARY 4, 2006 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

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Barry Sargent opened the meeting by explaining that all voters must sign in and have a voting card to vote. He further stated that non-residents must sit in a designated area and that he would be using Roberts Rules of Conduct.

The meeting was opened at 10:05AM with a salute to the flag. The Boy Scouts from Troop 18 marched in with the flag and led the public in the pledge.

Norman Major, our State Representative, spoke on the last time our hall was used for town meeting, back in 1972. His facts on that time are included with these minutes.

John Sherman presented the award given to our Town for first place on our Town Report. The award was given from the Local Government Center and Marilyn Senter and Brenda Major, two committee members, accepted the award.

John also presented flowers and a chair to outgoing selectman, Martha Sumner, for her years of service.

Barry Sargent then took a vote to allow the following non-residents to speak at the meeting. The following people were allowed to speak: John Scruton, Town Manager, Dan Garlington, Highway Supervisor and Bob Carolan, Cable Director. The vote was yes for all speakers.

Mr. Sargent then stated that the Planning Articles cannot be changed and their wording is prescribed by law. He did open the floor to any questions. There being none he preceded to the town articles.

**Article P-16** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand dollars (\$ 679,000) for the construction of a Highway Garage and Salt Shed; Six Hundred and Seventy-Nine Thousand dollars (\$ 679,000) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to authorize the Selectmen to apply for, obtain and accept federal, state or other aid, if any, which may be available for said project and to comply with all laws applicable to said project; to authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Sixty percent (60%) majority is required for passage.)(Recommended by Board of Selectmen and by the Budget Committee)

[Intent: To build a new highway garage and salt shed on town-owned land. There is no tax impact in 2006. It is estimated the tax impact will be about \$9 per \$100,000 of evaluation in 2007 and decline each year thereafter. The plan is to obtain a bond for 10 years and use the funds to replace the existing garage (which was built in 1976) by building a new facility at the Penn Box site off Main Street near the railroad tracks. Based on current estimated costs, the proposed garage will be 100 by 80 feet. A decision has been made by the Town

that it will not be able to use the Cash Oil (Beede) Superfund site for a highway garage. There is no room to expand on the current site. There are three basic reasons for proposing this project now. First, the current garage is too small. Since the current garage was built, the department has doubled the number of vehicles and has twice as many full-time employees and has outgrown the old facility. The Department also has 31 more roads to maintain than in 1976. The proposed garage contains enough space for parking the town's highway vehicles indoors, office space, repair facilities, storage for parts and equipment and bathrooms. Second, the current garage has a problem with explosive methane landfill gas seeping into it, thereby setting off alarms numerous times. This creates an unhealthy situation for employees and puts the Town's equipment at risk. Third, a larger salt shed will be built at the new site that will meet EPA requirements and protect against salt contamination of the ground water. This will enable the town to save money on salt by buying more at the lower summer rates and house a larger reserve in the event the salt becomes unavailable during the winter. For example, having a larger salt shed last year would have saved the town \$13,000. Based on current estimated costs, the proposed salt dome will be 50 feet in diameter and hold approximately 1300 yards of material. This project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.]

*Motion: John Sherman, Second: Martha Sumner. Presented by John Sherman using an overhead projector to show examples of the new and old garage. A motion was made by John Sherman and seconded by Martha Sumner to amend the above article by adding two sentences which add to the explanation. Questions and comments were made by Tom Vinci, Melvin Bowie and Brian Levasseur. The public voted to accept the amendment and to also present the article with the amendment to be voted on for the March 14, election. "The added lines are underlined in the above intent."*

**Article P-17** Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling six million seven hundred nineteen thousand eight hundred sixty-one dollars (\$6,719,861)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be six million six hundred forty-five thousand eight hundred sixty-seven dollars (\$6,645,867), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.)

*Motion: Kristin Lewis Savage, Second: John Sherman. Article was presented by Kristin and there being no questions or comments, a vote to accept the article as written was taken. Result was yes!*

**Article P-18** Shall the town vote to accept the NH Department of Transportation Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$ 131,395 for equipment and road maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Class IV and V roads in accordance with Chapter 235 of the NH Revised Statutes Annotated and to raise and appropriate said sum for equipment and local highway maintenance, said fund not to lapse until December 31, 2007?



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Appropriation	\$ 131,395
Revenue from Grant	\$- 131,395
Amount to be raised from 2006 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)

[Intent: To accept and spend a grant the town receives from the state every year. This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. This money pays for Highway Department projects such as drainage, paving and road repair.]

*Motion: Martha Sumner, Second: Kristin Lewis Savage. Presentation by Martha. Martha amended the article to \$131,395 from \$115,733, as Norman Major, our state rep. was able to get the town a little more money. The amendment was seconded by Kristin and the vote was yes by all to accept the amendment and yes to print the amended article on the ballot.*

**Article P-19** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund (established by vote of Town Meeting in 2003 under RSA 31:19-a) for Improvements to the Town Hall including, but not limited to, exterior repairs, roof and gutter repairs, renovation of the interior and improvements to the heating and cooling systems, with said sums to come from the December 31, 2005, unreserved fund balance?

Appropriation to Trust	\$ 160,000
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<b>Revenue from Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$-160,000</b>
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Amount to be raised from 2006 Taxes	\$ 00
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(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)

[Intent: To fund the continued renovation of the Town Hall. This is funding for phase 2 of a 3 phase plan. Phase 2 includes replacing the heating and cooling to the upper floors, repairing and improving the Great Hall, pointing the exterior brickwork, repairing the roof and gutter repairs, and replacing the electric heat with natural gas. Phase 3 is scheduled for 2007 and includes creation of office space on the third floor, bringing the stairs into compliance and project closure. Phase 1, completed in 2005, included the installation of an elevator, bringing the wiring up to code, and installation of a fire suppression system.]

*Motion: Buzzy Blinn, Second: Bob Gray. Presented by Buzzy Blinn with questions by Steve Savage, Tom Vinci and Bob Zukas. Vote to accept article as printed was taken and article will appear on ballot as written.*

**Article P-20** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of nine thousand six hundred five dollars (\$9,605) to be added to the Expendable Trust Fund for Internet use, said sums to come from the December 31, 2005, unreserved fund balance and represents revenue received from the Comcast franchise agreement for Internet use?

## FEBRUARY 4, 2006 DELIBERATIVE SESSION MINUTES

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Appropriation to Trust	\$ 9,605
<u>Revenue from Cable Company in Fund Balance</u>	<u>\$-9,605</u>
Amount to be raised from 2006 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee.)

[Intent: To move the cable franchise revenue into a fund for use by the Town. The Town has already collected this money from the cable provider for Internet use. It takes a vote of the Town to move the revenue from the fund balance to an account for use as designated by the franchise agreement. Passage of this article will place the funds for Internet into a fund from which the money can be spent for the town Web site, Internet usage and related costs. This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. These funds would be put in an interest bearing account]

*Motion: Martha Sumner, Second: Tom Vinci. Article was presented by Buzzy Blinn. There being no questions or comments a vote was taken for article to appear as written.*

**Article P-21** Shall the Town vote to appropriate the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) for purchase of a Fire Department Rescue Vehicle and to authorize the withdrawal of up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund?

Appropriation for Rescue vehicle	\$ 150,000
<u>Capital Reserve Withdrawal</u>	<u>\$-150,000</u>
Amount to be raised from 2006 Taxes	\$ 00

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)

[Intent: To replace the Town's frontline rescue vehicle to the Fire Department fleet. It can be used, if needed, to transport patients in an emergency if our contracted service is not available. The current rescue truck will remain in the fleet in a back-up role. There was \$166,662.22 in the fund as of December 15, 2005.]

*Motion: Michelle Curran, Second: Kristin Lewis Savage. The article was presented by Michelle Curran and there being no questions or comments a yes vote was taken for the article to appear as written on the ballot.*

**Article P-22** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)

[Intent: To set aside money for future purchases of Fire Department vehicles. A financial analysis of future vehicle replacement shows that the department needs to spend \$1,600,000 over the next 20 years to replace the existing fleet as it ages. Putting \$80,000 aside each year will allow for the orderly replacement of fire vehicles by leveling the yearly tax impact. This money can only be spent by a future vote at town meeting.]

*Motion: Michelle Curran, Second: Nancy Jackman. The article was presented by Michele Curran and there being no questions or comments a yes vote was taken for the article to appear as written on the ballot.*

**Article P-23** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty one thousand dollars (\$181,000) for road paving projects? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)

[Intent: To follow the Town's long term pavement management plan that involves paving streets on a regular basis to prevent the road system from becoming substandard. This money, combined with \$60,000 from the Highway Block Grant, will be used to pave approximately 16 town roads totaling approximately 3 miles.]

*Motion: Kristin Lewis Savage, Second: Martha Sumner. Presented by Buzzy Blinn and additional information given by Kristin. Being no further discussion a yes vote was taken for the article to appear as written on the ballot.*

**Article P-24** Shall the town vote to establish an Expendable Trust Fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a for Purchase of Highway Equipment, and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,000 for deposit into this fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)

[Intent: To set aside money for future purchases of Highway Department vehicles. A financial analysis of future vehicle replacement shows that the department needs to spend \$590,000 over the next 10 years to replace the existing fleet as it ages. Putting \$59,000 aside each year will allow for the orderly replacement of highway vehicles, by leveling the yearly tax impact. This is similar to the process already in place for the Fire Department. This money can only be spent by a future vote at Town Meeting. This money would be invested into an interest bearing account. NOTE: The next vehicle planned for replacement is a dump truck in 2007.]

*Motion: John Sherman, Second, Martha Sumner. Presented by John Sherman. Questions were asked by Dan Hooper and Eleanor Peabody. After their questions were answered a vote of yes was taken to accept the article as printed to appear on the ballot.*

**Article P-25** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of thirty-six thousand eight hundred seventy-four dollars (\$36,874) for hiring one additional entry-level police officer, said sum to cover the base salary, fringe benefits, training and one-time purchase of uniforms/equipment for said officer, thereby enabling the Plaistow Police Department to assign a more experienced officer to Timberlane Regional Middle School as a School Resource Officer with a start date of July 1, 2006. This would be dependent upon funding by the Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD).



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Appropriation for Officer	\$ 36,874
Revenue from TRSD	<u>\$-25,872</u>
Amount to be raised from 2006 Taxes	\$ 11,002

(Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee.)

[Intent: To place a School Resource Officer (SRO) at the Timberlane Regional Middle School (TRMS). This SRO will be a member of the Plaistow Police Department on assignment to TRMS on school days and available to the Town of Plaistow on non-school days. The plan is to transfer an existing, experienced officer from the Plaistow Police Department to become the SRO. This transferred officer would be replaced by the hiring of an entry-level officer. For the start-up year the town bears more training and equipment costs, but for each year thereafter the school district will pay 82% (representing the school year) of the ongoing cost of the experienced officer and the Town will pay the remaining 18%. This 82% from the school district will cover part of the cost of the replacement, entry-level officer. The annual cost of an entry level officer is \$50,748 and the anticipated annual revenue for 82% of an experienced officer is projected at \$51,744. An SRO is already in place at the Timberlane Regional High School.]

*Motion: Martha Sumner, Second: Steve Savage. Presented by Martha Sumner. There was a great deal of discussion in the form of both comments and questions by Niki Penta, Steve Savage, Sue Sherman, Heather Ingham, Bob Zukas, John McArdle, and Dick Lemieux. After everyone had their say, a vote of yes was taken and the article will appear on the ballot as written.*

**Article P-26** Shall the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be added to the Conservation Fund? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen, Budget Committee, and the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.)

[Intent: To provide additional funding to the Plaistow Conservation Fund. The Conservation Commission intends to purchase land, easements and/or other land rights to preserve the natural environment. There is approximately \$ 34,178.89 in the fund as of December 14, 2005.]

*Motion: Michelle Curran, Second: Kristin Lewis Savage. Presentation by Michelle Curran. No questions where asked, so a vote was taken to accept the article as written to appear on the ballot.*

**Article P-27** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 2,051 to increase the salary of the Town Clerk by \$ 1,792 from \$ 35,138 to \$ 36,930? The additional \$ 259 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security, Retirement and Medicare. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

[Intent: To increase the salary of the Town Clerk. The Town did a survey of salaries in 2005 and found the current Town Clerk salary substantially below that of most other comparable communities and below other Town Employees with equivalent responsibilities. The proposed raise is the same as the average proposed increase for nonunion Town employees for 2006. ]

*Motion: Buzzy Blinn, Second: Janice Penta. Presented by Buzzy Blinn. No questions were asked and a yes vote was taken to have the article appear as written on the ballot.*

**Article P-28** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$ 1,422 to increase the salary of the Tax Collector by \$ 1,242 from \$ 24,346 to \$ 25,588? The additional \$ 180 is to cover the town's payment for Social Security, Retirement, and Medicare. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee)

[Intent: To increase the salary of the Tax Collector. The Town did a survey of salaries in 2005 and found the current Tax Collector salary below that of other comparable communities and below other Town Employees with equivalent responsibilities. The proposed raise is the same as the average proposed increase for nonunion Town employees for 2006.]

*Motion: Buzzy Blinn, Second: Janice Penta. Presented by Buzzy Blinn. No discussion was done and a yes vote was taken for the article to appear as written on the ballot.*

**Article P-29** Shall the town vote to establish a revolving fund for public safety service details (police and fire) as allowed pursuant to RSA 31:95-h? Pursuant to RSA 31:95-h all revenues received for public safety service details will be deposited into the fund, will be allowed to accumulate from year to year, will not be part of the Town's general surplus and may only be expended for public safety service details. (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

[Intent: To simplify the budgeting process for Police and Fire "outside" details. Police and Fire details regularly generate money that covers the expenses, but are unpredictable from year to year. If this passes, the plan is to remove the \$95,000 from the 2007 budget.]

*Motion by John Sherman and the article was seconded. Presentation was given by John Sherman and he motioned to accept an amended article replacing the word services at the end of the article, with the words service details. This was seconded by Martha Sumner, John then explained his reason for the change in wording. Then with no further discussion, a yes vote was taken to accept the amendment. A yes vote was then taken to accept the amended article on the ballot.*

**Article P-30** Shall the town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve the Police Department's future plan to implement motorcycle patrols in a continuing effort to provide speed enforcement, accident investigation and general traffic enforcement in all neighborhoods, including Routes 125, 121A and 108? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.)

[Intent: There is no cost in FY2006. The Police Department will pursue non-budget, alternative funding through possible grants and donations in future years in an ongoing effort at finding solutions to traffic woes currently existing. It is the intent that if approved the plan is to annually fund these patrols by non-tax revenues.]

*Motion: Martha Sumner, Second Mike Dorman. Presentation by Martha Sumner. There was much discussion on this article by Steve Savage, Brian Levasseur, Janice Penta, Michelle Curran, Buzzy Blinn and Dan Hooper. After everyone's questions were answered and comments listened to, a yes vote was taken to accept the article as written to appear on the ballot.*

**Article P-31** Shall the Town vote to enter into the second year of a two year lease with the State of New Hampshire to allow use of the old library on Elm Street as a Courthouse? (Recommended by the Board of Selectmen)

[Intent: To continue to allow the court to use the current building on Elm Street into January 2008. Under the new contract the state court system will increase the base rent by 2.5% to \$40,716 per year, will pay all the utilities, and will increase the reimbursement paid the town for custodial help.]

*Motion: John Sherman, Second: Steve Savage. A presented by John Sherman generated a lot of questions and comments by Bob Gray, John Scruton, Norman Major and Buzzy Blinn. After some discussion a yes vote was taken to have the article appear as written on the ballot.*

**Article P-32** To see if the Town will vote to discontinue, pursuant to RSA 231:43, the unnamed road being the former Route 108 that runs from the intersection of Brandy Brow Road and Old Newton Road to its intersection with Route 108 and Old Newton Road to the north. (By Petition)

*Motion: Mike Dorman, Second: Dan Poliquin. The article was presented by John Sherman; he also read a memo from the Planning Board which spoke of clarifying the exactly where to start and stop the discontinuance of the street. Tim Moore showed everyone an aerial view of the street. After a question by Dan Poliquin, Mike Dorman motioned to amend the article by deleting and adding the wording recommended by the Planning Board. A second to the amendment was made by Kristin Lewis Savage. The floor was then opened for questions and comments, and many residents spoke on this article. (John Sherman, Dan Poliquin, Dick Lemieux, John Scruton and Bob Gray) A vote to accept the amendment was taken and the results were yes. The public then voted to accept the amended article to appear on the ballot. The changed wording is underlined above.*

The public was invited to attend an open house on Monday evening, February 6, 2006, @ 5:00PM, to say goodbye to John Scruton, our outgoing Town Manager.

Eleanor Peabody then asked a question concerning the Impact Fees on the Planning & Zoning Articles. Her question was answered by John Scruton.

Brian Levasseur thanked all the past helpers for their support and work on past Old Home Days.



A motion was made by Michelle Curran and seconded by Janis Penta to close the meeting.

Barry Sargent closed the meeting at 1:20PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town Clerk



Moderator Barry Sargent meets with interior designer to discuss Great Hall.

## ELECTION RESULTS

### Selectman – 3 Year Term

Lawrence W. Gil	601✓
Daniel J. Poliquin	583✓

### Tax Collector – 3 Year Term

Rosemarie L. Bayek	727✓
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### First Fire Engineer – 1 Year Term

John W. Judson III	701✓
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### Second Fire Engineer – 1 Year Term

Michael "Jake" Kennedy	692✓
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### Third Fire Engineer – 1 Year Term

Ernest A. Morin	672✓
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### Forth Fire Engineer – 1 Year Term

Chris Poliquin	671✓
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### Budget Committee – 1 Year Term

Bernadine A. FitzGerald	697✓
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### Budget Committee – 2 Year Term

Kristen Lewis Savage	640✓
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### Budget Committee – 3 Year Term

T. Richard Latham	623✓
George B. Peabody	599✓
Henry Szmyt	542✓
Ronald Yeager (write-in)	11✓

### Conflict of Interest – 3 Year Term

Therese A. Chouinard	604✓
Stephen Beche (write-in)	2✓

### Library Trustee – 3 Year Term

Mary Ann George	604✓
Catherine Willis	591✓

### Library Trustee – 2 Year Term

Scott Lane	403✓
Niki Pents	257

### Planning Board – 3 Year Term

Barry Weymouth	615✓
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### Supervisor of Checklist – 6 Year Term

Nancy Jackman	428✓
Donna H. Sullivan	232

### Trustee of Trust Funds – 3 Year Term

Pat Macomber	345
B. Jill Senter	353✓

### Moderator – 2 Year Term

Barry Sargent	652✓
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### Auditors – 1 Year Term

Martha Sumner (write in)	2✓
Louis Drew (write in)	3✓

## 2006 WARRANT ARTICLES

Article	Description	Yes	No
P-02	Impact Fees	523✓	235
P-03	Affordable Elderly Housing Community Section 220-54	646✓	134
P-04	Affordable Elderly Housing Community Section 220-51 & 52	526✓	265
P-05	Motor Vehicle and Trailer Sales	207	565✓
P-06	Wetlands District	601✓	202
P-07	Dimensional Requirements	602✓	174
P-08	Home Occupation	610✓	169
P-09	Use of Nonconforming Lot	528✓	222
P-10	Conditions of Approval	584✓	169
P-11	Establishment of Districts – Commercial II	600✓	191
P-12	Medium Density Residential	637✓	140

## ELECTION RESULTS

### 2006 WARRANT ARTICLES CONTINUED

Article	Description	Yes	No
P-13	Integrated Commercial – Residential	607✓	166
P-14	Signs	578✓	201
P-15	Minimum Dimensions for All Districts	600✓	151
P-16	Highway Garage and Salt Shed	379	452✓
P-17	Operating Budget	426✓	386
P-18	Highway Block Grant	731✓	93
P-19	Town Hall Improvements	544✓	258
P-20	Internet	611✓	183
P-21	Fire Department Rescue Vehicle	577✓	226
P-22	Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund	495✓	304
P-23	Road Paving Project	556✓	242
P-24	Highway Equipment	430✓	364
P-25	School Resource Police Officer	354	464✓
P-26	Conservation Fund	461✓	347
P-27	Town Clerk Salary Increase	446✓	369
P-28	Tax Collector Salary Increase	428✓	384
P-29	Public Safety Service Details	495✓	304
P-30	Motorcycle Patrols	397✓	389
P-31	Courthouse Lease	707✓	84
P-32	Discontinue Road	476✓	249



Deputy Town Clerk Joyce Thurston preparing for elections.



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**FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

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**BALANCE FORWARD JANUARY 1, 2006**

**7,365,145.75**

<b>RECEIPTS :</b>	<b><u>DEBITS</u></b>	<b><u>CREDITS</u></b>	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>
<b><i>Town Clerk:</i></b>			
Withholding State of NH		7,808.00	
Dogs Withheld State of NH		2,421.00	
UCC Fees		3,225.00	
UCC Fees Direct Deposit		150.00	
E Reg Interware Liability		1,046.70	
Motor Vehicle Registrations		1,374,591.24	
E Reg Mail In Fees		611.00	
Mail In Fees		5,846.00	
Miscellaneous		130.78	
Dog Licenses		4,526.00	
Dog Pick Up Fines		1,120.00	
Marriage Licenses		546.00	
Certified Copies		2,680.00	
Municipal Agent Program		22,510.00	
Voter Checklist		75.00	
Dredge & Fill Permits		10.00	
Boat Registrations		7,390.02	
Recordings		15.00	
Filing Fees		19.00	
Town Title Fees		4,318.00	
Pole Licenses		20.00	
Returned Check Charges		575.00	
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Subtotal Town Clerk			<b>1,439,633.74</b>
Prior Year Returned Check Paid		44.50	
Returned Checks 2005	7,788.95		
Returned Checks Paid		7,723.95	
*Deposit Error 12/19/06	1,825.50		
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			<b>1,437,787.74</b>
 * The deposit error to be corrected January 2007.			
<b><i>Tax Warrant Copies</i></b>			<b>733.00</b>
<b><i>Welfare Assistance Liens</i></b>			<b>7,025.07</b>
<b><i>Planning Board</i></b>			<b>11,233.25</b>
<b><i>Zoning Board of Adjustment:</i></b>			<b>7,222.92</b>
<b><i>Fire Department:</i></b>			
Ambulance		1,578.95	
Insurance Reports		105.00	
General Revenue		1,325.23	
Court Ordered Reimbursements		456.61	

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## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Receipts Continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Outside Detail		4,715.00	8,180.79
<b>Recreation:</b>			
Special Events		195.00	
Summer Recreation Registrations		43,941.50	
Summer Recreation Trips		6,450.00	
Baseball/Softball Registrations		9,358.00	
Community Trips		22,206.00	
Returned Checks 2005	300.00		
Returned Checks Paid		63.00	
Returned Check Fines		50.00	
			81,963.50
<b>Tax Collector:</b>			
Previous Year Taxes		487,268.91	
2006 Taxes		17,499,736.84	
Property Tax Interest		27,669.11	
Yield Taxes		356.15	
Redemptions		198,001.86	
Redemptions/Interest/Costs		15,533.62	
Mortgage Notice Costs		3,754.62	
Returned Checks	24,283.19		
Returned Check Paid		24,283.19	
Returned Checks Fines		50.00	
			18,232,371.11
<b>Building &amp; Code Enforcement Office:</b>			
Inspections		100,917.25	
Returned Checks	400.00		
Returned Checks Paid		300.00	
Returned Checks Fines		25.00	
			100,842.25
<b>Police:</b>			
Gun Permits		720.00	
Licenses to Sell Pistols		150.00	
Games of Chance		25.00	
Pawn & Second Hand Dealers		2,250.00	
Finger Printing		196.00	
Parking Violations		3,855.00	
False Alarms		1,681.83	
Insurance Requests Report		7,420.00	
Recruiting		252.00	
Police Training		570.74	
Outside Details		103,115.15	
Court Ordered Reimbursement		465.00	

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Receipts Continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<b><i>Police Continued</i></b>			
Prior Year Returned Check Paid		60.00	
Returned Checks	116.92		
Returned Checks Paid		40.00	
Returned Checks Fines		<u>100.00</u>	
			<b>120,783.80</b>
<b><i>Health:</i></b>			
Remitted		8,250.00	
Returned Checks	100.00		
Returned Checks Paid		100.00	
Returned Checks Fines		<u>50.00</u>	
			<b>8,300.00</b>
<b><i>Federal Governments:</i></b>			
O.J.P. Grant		2,747.60	
Witness Advocate		<u>8,456.64</u>	
			<b>11,204.24</b>
<b><i>State of New Hampshire:</i></b>			
Shared Revenue		75,483.00	
Rooms & Meals Taxes		302,543.05	
Highway Block Grant		131,394.56	
Grants from the State		52,920.05	
District Court Rent		47,424.00	
NH Railroad Tax		1,341.01	
NH Fuel Tax		1,474.62	
NH Forest Fire		<u>44.26</u>	
			<b>612,624.55</b>
<b><i>Other Government :</i></b>			
Police Dispatch		31,500.00	
Library		70,000.00	
School Crossing Guard		9,287.00	
School Resource Officer		<u>35,321.64</u>	
			<b>146,108.64</b>
<b><i>Witness Fees</i></b>			<b>3,246.53</b>
<b><i>Miscellaneous Sources:</i></b>			
Cable Franchise Fee		88,367.70	
Hardship Liens		6,599.37	
Cemetery Lot Sales		3,150.00	
Cemetery Interments		900.00	
Veteran Markers		100.00	
Sale Surplus Property		<u>6,938.00</u>	



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

### REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

<b>Receipts continued:</b>	<b><u>DEBITS</u></b>	<b><u>CREDITS</u></b>	<b><u>TOTALS</u></b>
Leased Land		103,500.00	
Fines – Court Portion		1,794.00	
Court Fees		2,000.00	
Group Health Insurance Reimbursement		32,914.58	
Health Returned Check	373.72		
Health Returned Check Paid		373.72	
Health Returned Check Fine		25.00	
Miscellaneous		60,933.12	
Copy Machine Income		195.25	
Assessor Copies		294.50	
Wal-Mart Police Agreement		41,933.40	
Museum Lease		1.00	
			<b>349,645.92</b>

### REIMBURSEMENTS:

Refund Life Insurance	20.50
Planning Board Telephone Refund	10.00
Inspection Office-Printer Rebate	150.00
Donations/Grants	289,063.88
Internet Use	3,995.05
Pass-thru Account/Perpetual Care	5,937.50
Library- Telephone Refund	6.75
Executive Miscellaneous	829.00
Town Clerk – Postage	43.62
F.I.C.A. Reimbursement	3.64
Police Dept. Admin. Salary Reimbursement	521.63
Normandeau Overpayment	199.50
Recreation Field Trustees	10,883.59
Drug Forfeiture	20,507.10
Town Manager Salary Reimbursement	12,283.03
Town Manager NH Retirement	2,806.64
Pass- thru Account Water Bill	32.87
LGC Executive Salary	394.92
Unitil – Town Hall Lighting	5,775.00
Police Dept. Operational Supplies	625.00
Dell Rebate	100.00
State of New Hampshire	1,697.54
State of New Hampshire	1,660.98
Telephone - R. Colcord	352.50
Medicare	190.18
FICA	407.85
Planning Board	199.35
Old Home Day Parade	14,475.00
Summer Recreation Clothing	12.00
Assessor Course	180.00
Uniforms	18.99

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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### REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

Reimbursements continued:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
State of NH Hazardous Waste		5,581.40	
FEMA Grant		126.27	
State of NH Mosquito Spraying		7,458.00	
Library Driveway		9,100.00	
NH Police Chief Conference Refund		275.00	
FEMA Grant – Fire Labor		467.65	
FEMA Grant – Fire Equipment		914.25	
FEMA Grant – Highway Labor		697.85	
FEMA Grant – Highway Equipment		883.52	
FEMA Grant – Crushed Stone		193.50	
Health Department Refund		95.00	
Friends of Recreation Umpire Fees		230.00	
Trustees Town Hall Renovations		152,002.13	
Property Tax Abatement w/o Appropriation		1,493.00	
Inspection Office		219.94	
Pass-thru Account Construction Bond		1,495,505.55	
Medicare		31.79	
		<hr/>	2,048,658.46
<b>INTEREST</b>			
<b>Bank:</b>			
Bank of America		1,548.49	
MBIA		12,561.10	
TD Banknorth		90,175.66	
		<hr/>	104,285.25
Bank Adjustment	.29		(.29)
Tax Anticipation Note			1,000,000.00
<b>2006 Total Receipts:</b>			<b>25,731,850.47</b>

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## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TREASURER

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### REPORT OF THE TREASURER CONTINUED:

DISBURSEMENTS:	<u>DEBITS</u>	<u>CREDITS</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
Library	417,467.32		
County	898,389.00		
Timberlane School District	12,642,169.00		
Town	8,947,849.07		
Pay Off Tax Anticipation Note	1,000,000.00		
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	4,135.89		
Property Lien	268,198.66		
2005 Total Disbursements			24,178,208.94

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### ACCOUNTING BALANCE:

Balance as of January 1, 2006	7,365,145.75
Receipts less Disbursements equals	114,007.79
Balance as of December 31, 2006	7,479,153.54

### CASH BALANCE - December 31, 2006:

#### Bank:

TD Banknorth	7,135,699.11
Bank of America	66,179.24
MBIA	277,275.19

**TOTAL:** 7,479,153.54

Respectfully submitted,

*Bernadine A. FitzGerald*

Treasurer



Bernadine A. FitzGerald entering Town Hall.



# IMPACT FEES, MISCELLANEOUS FUNDS & BONDED DEBT STATEMENT

REPORT OF THE IMPACT FEES & FUNDS HELD BY THE TREASURER					
Title	Balance 12/31/2005	Deposits	Interest	Withdrawals	Balance 12/31/2006
<b>Impact Fees</b>					
Water Line	\$620.73	\$0.00	\$3.16	\$0.00	\$623.89
School	\$68,994.03	\$5,832.00	\$153.54	\$70,000.00	\$4,979.57
Route 125	\$122,276.74	\$0.00	\$306.04	\$0.00	\$122,276.78
Recreation	\$94,242.61	\$6,573.56	\$190.17	\$96,031.00	\$4,975.34
Public Safety	\$36,221.89	\$21,301.58	\$107.53	\$1,291.00	\$56,340.00
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$322,356.00</b>	<b>\$33,707.14</b>	<b>\$760.44</b>	<b>\$167,322.00</b>	<b>\$189,195.58</b>
<b>Other Funds</b>					
Home Depot Study	\$15,486.43	\$0.00	\$38.76	\$0.00	\$15,529.19
Accident Recon. Study	\$4,669.07	\$0.00	\$11.69	\$0.00	\$4,680.76
Fire Command Vehicle	\$1,409.49	\$0.00	\$3.35	\$125.00	\$1,287.84
Cannon & Statue	\$6,261.24	\$250.00	\$15.83	\$0.00	\$6,527.07
Conservation	\$34,185.92	\$5,000.54	\$92.38	\$0.00	\$39,278.84
Current Use	\$16,087.70	\$47,137.00	\$54.47	\$0.00	\$63,279.17
Forrest Fund	\$33,612.33	\$0.64	\$84.13	\$0.00	\$33,697.10
PARC	\$18,946.52	\$0.00	\$47.42	\$0.00	\$18,993.94
Recreation Revolving	\$17,828.44	\$13,507.00	\$51.40	\$17,860.00	\$13,526.84
Water Suppression Line	\$62,619.42	\$96,982.09	\$200.51	\$60,000.00	\$99,802.02
World War II Monument	\$84.67	\$0.00	\$0.21	\$0.00	\$84.88
Warrant Article P-29	\$44,171.80	\$0.00	\$42.04	\$44,000.00	\$210.84
<b>Sub Total</b>	<b>\$255,363.03</b>	<b>\$162,877.27</b>	<b>\$642.19</b>	<b>\$121,985.00</b>	<b>\$296,898.49</b>

BONDED DEBT STATEMENT						
<i>This is Plaistow's outstanding debt:</i>						
FISCAL YEAR	COUPON DATE	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	COUPON RATE	INTEREST PAYMENT	PERIODIC DEBT SERVICE	FISCAL DEBT SERVICE
2007	01/01/07		4.47	12,750.90	12,750.90	
	07/01/07	190,000.00	4.47	12,750.90	202,750.90	215,501.80
2008	01/01/08		4.47	8,500.60	8,500.60	
	07/01/08	190,000.00	4.47	8,500.60	198,500.60	207,001.20
2009	01/01/09		4.47	4,250.30	4,250.30	
	07/01/09	190,000.00	4.47	4,250.30	194,250.30	198,500.60
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>760,000.00</b>		<b>85,006</b>	<b>845,006</b>	<b>845,006</b>
•Public Library: Original Amount: \$1,900,000 Year Term 2000/10 years @ 4.474%.						

## IMPACT FEE DEFINITION & FEE SCHEDULE

### DEFINITION OF AN IMPACT FEE:

An "impact fee" means a fee or assessment imposed upon development, including subdivision, building construction or other land use change, in order to help meet the needs occasioned by that development for the construction or improvement of capital facilities owned or operated by the municipality, including and limited to water treatment and distribution facilities; wastewater treatment and disposal facilities; sanitary sewers; storm water, drainage and flood control facilities; public road systems and rights-of-way; municipal office facilities; public school facilities; the municipality's proportional share of capital facilities of a cooperative or regional school district of which the municipality is a member; public safety facilities; solid waste collection, transfer, recycling, processing and disposal facilities; public library facilities; and public recreational facilities not including public open space. Impact Fees must be used within six years of imposition, or will be returned to the developer.

#### 1. School District Impact Fees

<i><b>Units in Structure/Building Type</b></i>	<i><b>Fee Assessment Per Unit</b></i>
Single-family detached (single-family house)	\$2,916.00
Single-family attached (condo or townhouse)	\$1,899.00
Duplex (2-unit)	\$2,269.00
3-4 Units (condo or apartment)	\$1,812.00
5+ Units (condo or apartment)	\$1,057.00
Manufactured Housing	\$1,795.00

#### 2. Recreation Impact Fees

<i><b>Units in Building Type</b></i>	<i><b>Fee Assessment Per Unit/Bedroom</b></i>
Single-family detached (single-family house)	\$469.54
Single-family attached (duplex, condo or townhouse)	\$469.54
3+ Units (condo or apartment)	\$469.54

#### 3. Public Safety Impact Fees

<i><b>Type of Land Use</b></i>	<i><b>Cost</b></i>	<i><b>Unit</b></i>
Residential	\$636.63	Per Residential Unit
Industrial or Commercial	\$0.45	Per Square Foot

#### 4. New Road Impact Fees

\$5.00 Per Linear Foot of Additional Public Road
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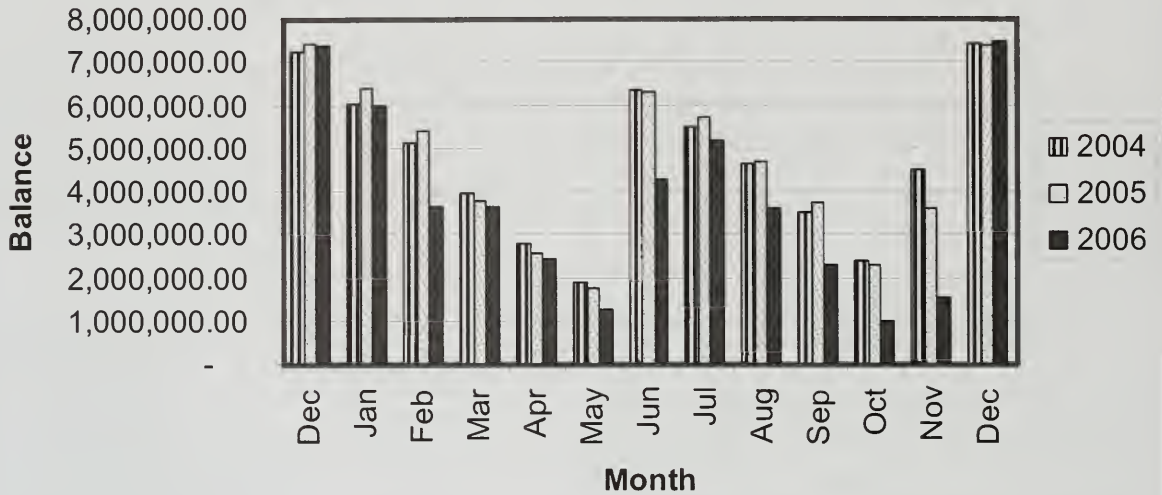
#### 5. Water Line/Fire Suppression Impact Fees

\$2.00 Per Square Foot of Commercial, Industrial, Multifamily, PRD Residential Development Projects
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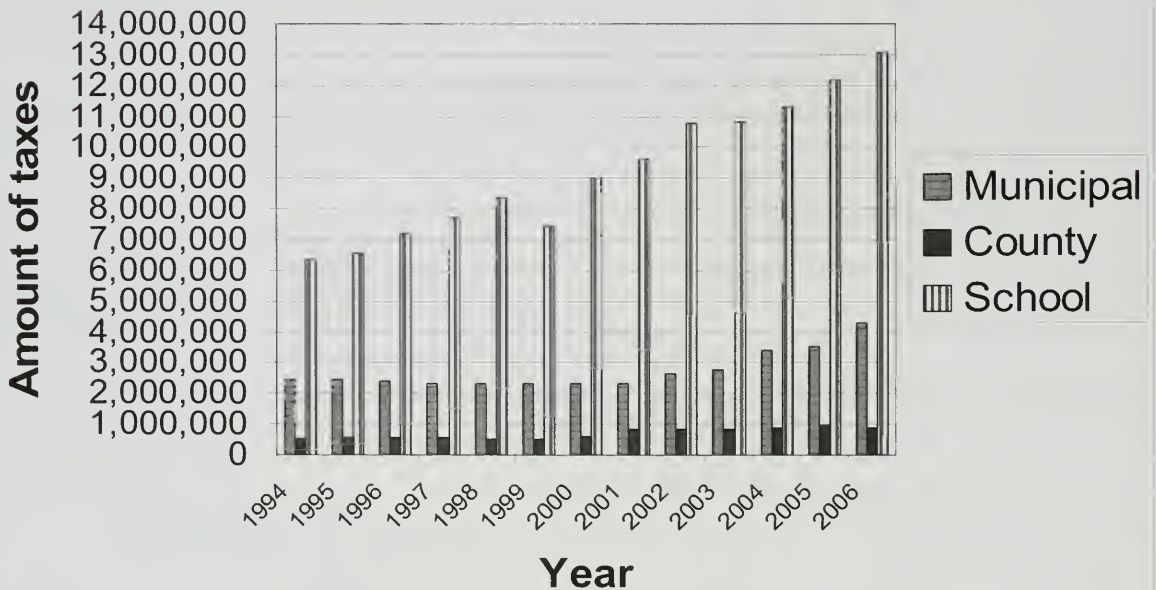
#### 6. New Road Impact Fees

This has been eliminated per 2006 March Town Meeting
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### Cash Flow 2004, 2005 and 2006



### Tax Commitment History





## INVENTORY OF ASSESSED VALUATION SUMMARY

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	<u>ACREAGE</u>	<u>ASSESSED VALUATION</u>	<u>TOTALS</u>
<b>LAND SECTION:</b>			
Current Use	789.74	83,998.00	
Conservation	28.00	2,570.00	
Residential Land	3,006.11	299,620,710.00	
Commercial/Industrial Land	<u>1,044.59</u>	<u>101,092,210.00</u>	
<b>Sub-Total Taxable Land</b>	<b>4,868.44</b>		<b>400,799,488.00</b>
<i>Tax Exempt &amp; Non-Taxable Land</i>	<u>1,154.13</u>	29,557,227.00	
<b>Total Land</b>	<b>6,022.57</b>		
<b>BUILDING SECTION:</b>			
Residential		438,274,480.00	
Manufactured Housing		379,600.00	
Commercial/Industrial		<u>140,609,800.00</u>	
<b>Sub-Total Taxable Buildings</b>			<b>579,263,880.00</b>
<i>Tax Exempt &amp; Non –Taxable Buildings</i>		40,481,700.00	
<b>PUBLIC UTILITIES SECTION:</b>			
<b>Sub-Total Public Utilities</b>			<b><u>22,413,832.00</u></b>
<b>Total Valuation Before Exemptions</b>			<b>1,002,477,200.00</b>
<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemptions</b>			<b><u>13,080,230.00</u></b>
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR MUNICIPAL, COUNTY &amp; LOCAL EDUCATION TAX IS COMPUTED:</b>			<b>989,396,970.00</b>
<b>NET VALUATION ON WHICH THE TAX RATE FOR STATE EDUCATION IS COMPUTED:</b>			<b>966,983,138.00</b>

## TAX RATE CALCULATIONS 2006

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### TOWN PORTION:

Gross Appropriations	7,499,334
Less Revenues	(3,361,314)
Less Shared Revenues	(9,276)
Add Overlay	80,606
War Service Credits	89,200
	89,200

### *Approved Town Tax Effort*

**4,298,550**

**Town Rate:  
4.34**

### SCHOOL PORTION:

Regional School Appropriation	14,836,043
Less Adequate Education Grant	(1,773,537)
Less State Education Taxes	(2,588,483)
	(2,588,483)

### *Approved School Tax Effort*

**10,474,023**

**Local School Rate:  
10.58**

### STATE EDUCATION TAXES:

State-wide Education Tax Rate	2.52
Equalized Valuation	1,029,218,060
	1,029,218,060

Divided by Local Assessed Valuation 967,334,010

### **State Education Tax For Plaistow**

**2,588,483**

**State School Rate:  
2.68**

### COUNTY PORTION:

Due to County	898,389
Less Shared Revenues	(9,276)
	(9,276)

### *Approved County Tax Effort:*

**889,113**

**County Rate:  
0.90**

Total Property Taxes Assessed	18,250,169
Less War Service Credits	(89,200)
	(89,200)

### **Total Property Tax Commitment:**

**18,160,969**

**Total Rate:  
18.50**

### PROOF OF RATE

#### Net Assessed Valuation

State Education Tax (no utilities)	967,334,010
All other Taxes	989,741,673

#### Tax Rate

2.68

15.82

#### Assessment

2,588,483

15,661,686

18,250,169

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
<b>Uncollected Taxes Beginning of Fiscal Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	0	736,829	18
<b>Taxes Committed This Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	18,166,615	0	0
Yield Taxes	356	0	0
<b>Overpayment:</b>			
Property Taxes	21,797	0	0
Collect Interest - Late Taxes	8048	39,643	2
Penalties - Returned Check	25	25	0
<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>18,196,841</b>	<b>776,472</b>	<b>20</b>

<b>CREDITS:</b>			
* Property Taxes	17,232,641	467,443	18
* Yield Taxes	356	0	0
* Interest	8,048	39,510	2
* Penalties - Return Check	25	25	0
* Conversion to Lien	0	268,199	0
The above (*) remitted to Treasurer			

<b>Abatements Made:</b>			
Property Taxes	10,026	1295	0

<b>Uncollected Taxes End of Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	945,745	(.50)	0
Yield Taxes	0	0	0

<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>18,196,841</b>	<b>776,472</b>	<b>20</b>
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<b>DEBITS:</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2003</b>
Unredeemed Liens-Beginning Year	0	71,141	28,964
Liens Executed During Year	268,198	0	0
Interest & Costs Collected	11,041	5,739	1,321
<b>TOTAL DEBITS:</b>	<b>279,239</b>	<b>76,880</b>	<b>30,285</b>



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

### Report of the Tax Collector Continued:

#### CREDITS:

* Redemptions	166,397	26,911	4,694
* Interest & Costs Collected	11,041	5,739	1,321
* Mortgage Notice Costs	0	0	0
The above (*) remitted to Treasurer	0	0	0
Abatement of Unredeemed Taxes	0	437	1,016
Unredeemed Liens Balance	101,801	43,793	23,254
<b>TOTAL CREDITS:</b>	<b>279,239</b>	<b>76,880</b>	<b>30,285</b>

*The Tax Collector's figures are shown as submitted to the State of New Hampshire and are rounded to the nearest dollar.*

#### REMITTED TO TREASURER

#### DESCRIPTION:

Property Taxes	17,968,301
Yield Tax	356
Interest	47,610
Land Use Change	0
Redemptions	198,002
Interest & Costs Collected	18,101

**TOTAL:** 18,232,370

Respectfully submitted,

*Rosemarie L. Bayek*

Tax Collector



Rose Bayek reviewing financial with Lori Sadewicz.

## CURRENT USE DESCRIPTION

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Here's some information about Current Use Law that has been gathered from the Town of Plaistow's Master Plan, the Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) Report on Open Space and from State Law.

New Hampshire's Current Use law (RSA 79-A) allows qualifying land to be taxed according to its current, rather than its potential use. Without the Current Use program, all open land, regardless of the owner's intent for future use, would be assessed and taxed at full market value. In many cases this would have the effect of forcing landowners to sell their property to escape high property taxes. Inevitably this would mean losing much of this land to development – most likely in the form of residential subdivisions. Current use assessment typically reduces property taxes assessed on undeveloped land by more than two-thirds and is vital to the preservation of open space in the region.

Started in 1973, the current use program is an extremely important mechanism for keeping open land open. It does not, however, provide any long term protection from the future development of this land. This is because current use land can be taken out of the program. If the land is converted to a non-qualifying use (e.g. subdivided for development) it is subject to a "Land Use Change Tax" equal to 10% of the land's full value assessment at the time of the change. In 1994, the Current Use Law was amended to allow the current use penalty tax (land use change tax) to accrue to a special account that can be used for conservation purposes.

The March 2000 Town Meeting voted to put the "Land Use Change Tax" into the Conservation Fund. The "Conservation Fund 36-A" may be used for land or easement acquisition, or for any other purpose for which the Conservation Commission Fund was established under RSA 36-A allows, such as resource inventories, management of Town lands, etc. The 36-A Fund requires both the Conservation Commission's and the Board of Selectmen's approval for withdrawal of any of those funds.

There is approximately \$63,280 in this fund as of December 31, 2006.

According to the RPC Report on Open Space, Plaistow is near the bottom of Rockingham County towns as a percentage of land in the Current Use program. Only the seacoast towns, like Seabrook, Rye, Hampton, etc., trail Plaistow.

Of Plaistow's total of 6,790 total acres, only 12.2%, or 829.47 acres are in the Current Use program. Many towns report 20 to 30 % in Current Use.

## CURRENT USE PROPERTIES

<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>TAX PAYER NAME</u>	<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
Mount Misery	Andrews, Eleanor	21-5	12.60
310 Main Street	Baribeau, Roger	21-2	14.00
43 Forrest Street	Bartlett, William	48-39	0.50
Forrest Street Rear	Bartlett, William	48-40	12.34
93 Old County Road	Collins Jr, John	20-35	17.40
34 Newton Road	Corso-Upton Family Trust	67-1	16.10
30 Crane Crossing Road	Cox, Charles & Douglas	56-3	17.61
29 Crane Crossing Road	Cox Tr, Eunice	55-9	8.89
Westville Road Rear	Dickey, Richard	40-9	7.45
27 Westville Road	Dickey, Richard	40-10	4.55
6 Woodland Drive	Dougherty, William	37-35	11.53
7 Hill Haven Road	Embrey-Rooke, Mona	53-28	28.00
Atkinson Line	Emerson III, Robert	7-3	21.00
23 Hickory Ridge Road	Gallant, Michael	8-27	15.47
43 Crane Crossing Road	Gattineri Tr, Daniel	55-5	19.06
82 Newton Road	Goudreault, Richard	68-8	22.62
93 Forrest Street	Haverhill Golf /Country Club	66-17	156.00
44 Sweet Hill Road	Herrick, Stanley	62-29	17.65
17 Harriman Road	Holt, Gerald	50-78	52.10
18 Chandler Ave	Hoyt Tr, David	38-4	16.08
63 Forrest Street	Hoyt, David	48-32	15.35
67 Kingston Road	James Tr, Bruce & Barbara	44-50	47.00
Old County Road Rear	KNP Land Associates, LLC	33-1	62.00
School and Back Land	Leavitt, Anne E	47-3	41.00
31 Forrest Street	LeBlanc Tr, M G	49-3	10.70
1 Major Lane	Major Tr, Norman & Brenda	42-62	4.08
12 Kingston Road	Major Tr, Norman & Brenda	53-13	7.31
Frog Pond Woods	McGirr Tr, Robert Rudolph	6-15	43.80
244 Main Street	One Twenty One A Realty	18-10	14.60
Main Street /Mt. Misery	Paul, Richard E	22-15	4.00
Main Steet Rear/Mt. Misery	Paul, Richard E	22-1	6.00
Atkinson Depot Road Rear	Post, David F	12-1	9.40
19 Atkinson Depot Road	Post, David F	11-6	2.40
Atkinson Depot Road Rear	Post, David F	99-7	0.00
2B Newton Road	Riley, Richard	65-2	11.53
1 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-01	2.50
2 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-15	3.50
3 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-02	2.50
4 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-14	2.50
5 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-03	5.10
6 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-13	2.50
7 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-04	4.00
8 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-12	2.50
9 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	62-41-05	3.00



## CURRENT USE PROPERTIES

<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>TAX PAYER NAME</u>	<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>ACREAGE</u>
10 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-11	3.40
11 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-06	3.70
12 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-10	3.40
13 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-07	2.80
15 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-08	3.00
17 Gunstock Road	Ronald Brown Investment	63-62-41-09	2.90
49 Forrest Street	Saracusa, Marion	48-33	18.20
90 Newton Road	St. Matthews United M	68-08-A	5.48



Christmas house decorating contest.

## TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
6-3	East Road Rear	\$20,220.00	\$0.00	\$20,220.00
6-6	Atkinson Line	185,200.00	0.00	185,200.00
6-8	Formerly JA Noyes Land	59,500.00	0.00	59,500.00
7-1	Atkinson Line	420,300.00	0.00	420,300.00
7-4	Frog Pond Woods	280,600.00	0.00	280,600.00
7-5	Frog Pond Woods	101,800.00	0.00	101,800.00
8-22	Main Street	56,600.00	0.00	56,600.00
8-23	Main Street Rear Kelley	71,700.00	0.00	71,700.00
9-11	Old Stage Coach Road	63,500.00	0.00	63,500.00
11-7	Near B&M Railroad	9,100.00	0.00	9,100.00
14-35	East Road Off N/S	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
15-8	Atkinson Town Line	300.00	0.00	300.00
16-1	45 Greenough Road	113,400.00	0.00	113,400.00
17-6	Frog Pond Woods	168,700.00	0.00	168,700.00
17-7	Frog Pond Woods	33,600.00	0.00	33,600.00
17-29	16 Culver Street	120,400.00	0.00	120,400.00
17-30	15 Lower road	126,800.00	0.00	126,800.00
17-31	13 Lower Road	126,100.00	0.00	126,100.00
17-32	11 Lower Road	121,800.00	0.00	121,800.00
18-2	Frog Pond Woods	71,200.00	0.00	71,200.00
18-3	Frog Pond Woods	87,000.00	0.00	87,000.00
18-4	Frog Pond Woods	30,500.00	0.00	30,500.00
18-14	Main St. Near Rear	138,800.00	0.00	138,800.00
18-15	14 Culver Street	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
19-5	266 Main Sreet	744,500.00	0.00	744,500.00
19-6	280 Main Street	776,900.00	0.00	776,900.00
20-12	1 Hickory Ridge Road	700.00	0.00	700.00
20-37	Old County Road Rear	54,500.00	0.00	54,500.00
20-38	Mt. Misery	290,800.00	0.00	290,800.00
21-7	307 Main Street	433,100.00	0.00	433,100.00
21-8	Mt. Misery Rear	22,600.00	0.00	22,600.00
21-9	Mt. Misery	105,800.00	0.00	105,800.00
21-10	Mt. Misery	132,200.00	0.00	132,200.00
21-11	Main Street Rear	28,300.00	0.00	28,300.00
21-12	Main Street Rear	38,800.00	0.00	38,800.00
21-13	Main Street Rear	41,900.00	0.00	41,900.00
21-14	Main Street Rear	16,400.00	0.00	16,400.00
21-17	Main Street Rear	140,700.00	0.00	140,700.00
22-5	Main Street Rear	32,300.00	0.00	32,300.00
22-7	Mt. Misery Center	17,000.00	0.00	17,000.00
22-8	Mt. Misery Center	74,900.00	0.00	74,900.00
22-9	Mt. Misery Center	43,600.00	0.00	43,600.00
22-10	Kingston Line	10,600.00	0.00	10,600.00
22-11	Mt. Misery Ledge	82,000.00	0.00	82,000.00
22-12	Rear Land	21,500.00	0.00	21,500.00
22-14	Main Street Rear	24,800.00	0.00	24,800.00

# TOWN OWNED PROPERTY LIST

<u>MAP/LOT</u>	<u>PROPERTY LOCATION</u>	<u>LAND</u>	<u>BUILDING</u>	<u>TOTAL VALUE</u>
25-15	35 West Pine Street	161,200.00	0.00	161,200.00
25-38	Plaistow Road Rear	35,900.00	0.00	35,900.00
26-2	Route 125	20,700.00	0.00	20,700.00
27-54	33 Westville Road	118,500.00	0.00	118,500.00
30-65	163 Plaistow Road	1,026,700.00	0.00	1,026,700.00
31-5	Brentwood	12,900.00	0.00	12,900.00
31-68	169 Plaistow Road	471,800.00	0.00	471,800.00
32-25	N/S Old County Road	144,000.00	0.00	144,000.00
32-29	Old County Rear	160,000.00	0.00	160,000.00
32-32	Town Landfill	630,230.00	63,300.00	693,500.00
37-36	2A Woodland Drive	900.00	0.00	900.00
37-51	North Ave Rear	2,400.00	0.00	2,400.00
38-20	7 Massasoit Blvd.	112,100.00	0.00	112,100.00
39-47	4 Bittersweet Drive	109,500.00	0.00	109,500.00
39-50-21-3	87 Main Street	303,160.00	2,110,400.00	2,413,600.00
40-1	7 Whiton Place	2,700.00	0.00	2,700.00
40-7	26 A Westville Road	19,300.00	0.00	19,300.00
40-34	120 Main St./ Pollard	1,354,370.00	5,956,000.00	7,310,370.00
40-60	Davis Park Rear	261,560.00	7,500.00	269,060.00
40-67	127 Main Street	119,780.00	249,000.00	368,780.00
41-11	144 Main Street	557,010.00	15,000.00	572,010.00
41-63	145 Main Street	244,350.00	665,900.00	910,250.00
41-67	14 Elm Street	217,070.00	379,900.00	596,970.00
41-77	27 Elm Street	421,740.00	2,334,700.00	2,756,440.00
41-82	17 Elm Street	608,850.00	0.00	608,850.00
42-43	5 Ingalls Terrace	153,790.00	79,700.00	233,490.00
42-57	Arbor Lane	147,510.00	22,100.00	169,610.00
43-12	Plaistow Road Rear	74,500.00	0.00	74,500.00
44-52	Old County Road Rear	25,000.00	0.00	25,000.00
44-61	Plaistow Road Rear	6,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
45-8	215 Plaistow Road	147,000.00	0.00	147,000.00
48-26	Autumn Circle	31,000.00	0.00	31,000.00
49-35	17 Canterbury Forest	51,700.00	0.00	51,700.00
50-70	10 Harriman Road	98,100.00	0.00	98,100.00
53-27	Town Road	67,600.00	0.00	67,600.00
59-8	Autumn Circle Rear	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
60-28	Timberlane Road Rear	73,200.00	0.00	73,200.00
62-18	41 A Sweet Hill Road	42,700.00	0.00	42,700.00
66-24	23 Newton Road	27,300.00	0.00	27,300.00
69-21	3A Dundee Drive	3,600.00	0.00	3,600.00
69-51	Newton Rear	55,100.00	0.00	55,100.00
69-54	Newton Road Rear	28,000.00	0.00	28,000.00
73-3	Off Newton Road Rear	13,900.00	0.00	13,900.00
<b>TOTAL ASSESSMENTS:</b>		<b>13,723,240.00</b>	<b>11,883,500.00</b>	<b>25,606,750.00</b>



## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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### 2006 REVENUES:

Withholding State of NH Marriages Certified Copies	7,808.00
Interware Liability W/H = E-Reg	1,046.70
Dogs Withheld State of NH	2,421.00
UCC Fees	3,375.00
Autos (10,504)	1,374,433.24
E-Reg Fee	611.00
Mail In Registration Fee	5,846.00
Miscellaneous (copies, dog lists, postage & vital change)	130.78
Dog Licenses (1064)	4,526.00
Dog Pickup Fines	1,120.00
Marriage Licenses (78)	546.00
Certified Copies	2,680.00
Returned Check Charges	575.00
Municipal Agent Program	22,510.00
Voter Check List	75.00
Dredge & Fill Permits	10.00
Boat Registration (498)	7,390.02
Recordings	15.00
Filing Fees	19.00
Voter Registration Cards	0.00
Title Fees	4,318.00
Pole Licenses	20.00
Recount Fees	0.00
Sub Total	1,439,633.74
 Prior Year Returned Checks Collected	 44.50
Outstanding Checks 2006	<u>(65.00)</u>

### TOTAL:

**Remitted to Treasurer:**

**\$1,439,613.24**

Respectively submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town Clerk

# FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

Fund Name	Beginning Balance	Deposits	Withdrawals	Interest Earned	Ending Balance
<b><i>Citizen's Bank</i></b>					
Plaistow Cemetery	\$88,330.73	\$3,250.00	\$500.00	\$3,928.98	\$95,009.74
North Parish Cemetery	\$5,938.73	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$259.70	\$6,198.43
<b><i>Citizen's Bank Totals</i></b>	<b><i>\$94,269.49</i></b>	<b><i>\$3,250.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$500.00</i></b>	<b><i>\$4,188.68</i></b>	<b><i>\$101,208.17</i></b>
<b><i>MBIA – NH Public Investment Pool</i></b>					
Conservation Fund	\$0.54	\$0.64	\$1.18	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	\$166,952.10	\$80,000.00	\$141,894.00	\$7,979.82	\$113,037.92
Recreation Commission	\$1,225.93	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$57.79	\$1,283.72
P.E.G. Cable Access	\$124,392.09	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,902.53	\$130,294.62
Recreation Field	\$10,416.44	\$0.00	\$9,549.59	\$377.63	\$1,244.48
Conservation Forrest Fund	\$0.64	\$0.00	\$0.64	\$0.00	\$0.00
Internet Expendable	\$14,086.44	\$9,605.00	\$3,995.05	\$821.43	\$20,517.82
Town Hall Expendable	\$38.22	\$160,000.00	\$124,045.00	\$1,154.10	\$37,147.32
Accrued Leave Expendable	\$25,895.94	\$0.00	\$14,998.56	\$712.30	\$11,609.68
Outside Detail Expendable	\$33,861.01	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,606.76	\$35,467.77
Highway Capital Reserve	\$0.00	\$59,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,734.42	\$60,734.42
Third Floor Renovations	\$0.00	\$27,957.13	\$0.00	\$68.75	\$28,025.88
<b><i>NHPDIP Total</i></b>	<b><i>\$376,869.35</i></b>	<b><i>\$336,562.77</i></b>	<b><i>\$294,484.02</i></b>	<b><i>\$20,415.53</i></b>	<b><i>\$439,363.63</i></b>
<b>Total Invested Funds</b>	<b>\$471,138.84</b>	<b>\$339,812.77</b>	<b>\$294,984.02</b>	<b>\$24,604.21</b>	<b>\$540,571.80</b>

*Note: This is an un-audited report.*

## FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEES

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### INCOME:

Town of Plaistow	418,858.00
Donations	903.00
Reimbursements	1,078.00
Fines, Lost Books, Book Sales	4,656.00
Fees: Copier, Non-Residents	3,627.00
Interest on Deposits	8,693.00
Mary Nelson Trust Fund	<u>70,000.00</u>

**TOTAL:** **507,815.00**

### EXPENSES:

Bond Payment:	70,000.00
Building Insurance	2,625.00
Continuing Education	2,166.00
Salaries & Benefits	241,358.00
Janitor Service	33,398.00
Liability/Legal/Bookkeeping	348.00
Material Acquisitions	41,858.00
Postage	588.00
Professional Dues	490.00
Programming	3,387.00
Repairs/Maintenance/Landscaping	25,142.00
Supplies	12,854.00
Technology	13,249.00
Utilities	<u>43,529.00</u>

**TOTAL:** **490,992.00**

### ACCOUNT BALANCES 12/31/2004:

Atty. & Mrs. Samuel Conti Family Fund	681.27
Fines/Lost Book Account	21,889.60
Roger B. Hill Memorial Fund	14,067.34
Memorial Funds	10,344.35
Memorial 2 Fund	20,063.30
Special Projects Fund	49,872.70
Technology Fund	27,526.63
Donald R. Willis Memorial Fund	1,111.93

Respectfully submitted,

*Catherine Willis*

Library Treasurer



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**Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager  
Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire (the Town) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire as of December 31, 2005 and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and the budgetary comparison information on pages i-vi and 21-22, respectively, are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire's basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund and fiduciary fund financial statements are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The combining nonmajor fund and fiduciary fund statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Vachon, Clukay & Co., PC*

April 20, 2006

# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

EXHIBIT A  
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Statement of Net Assets  
December 31, 2005

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,560,858
Investments	933,434
Taxes receivable, net	754,046
Accounts receivable, net	62,415
Unbilled charges for service	96,559
Due from other governments	137,820
Total Current Assets	<u>9,545,132</u>
Noncurrent Assets:	
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable capital assets	3,925,820
Depreciable capital assets, net	5,198,287
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>9,124,107</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,669,239</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 156,213
Accrued expenses	74,188
Retainage payable	25,610
Due to other governments	5,966,167
Current portion of bonds payable	190,000
Current portion of compensated absences	9,085
Total Current Liabilities	<u>6,421,263</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities:	
Bonds payable	570,000
Compensated absences	80,242
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>650,242</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>7,071,505</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	8,364,107
Restricted	901,094
Unrestricted	2,332,533
Total Net Assets	<u>11,597,734</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 18,669,239</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

## EXHIBIT B

### TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities:					
General government	\$ 1,835,720	\$ 15,023	\$ 52,895	\$ 12,000	\$ (1,755,802)
Public safety	2,242,183	200,205	206,735		(1,835,243)
Highways and streets	724,801		187,276		(537,525)
Health and welfare	193,568	3,007			(190,561)
Sanitation	658,088		7,286		(650,802)
Water distribution and treatment	67,875	96,705			28,830
Culture and recreation	644,530	76,028		103,750	(464,752)
Interest and fiscal charges	38,252				(38,252)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 6,405,017</u>	<u>\$ 390,968</u>	<u>\$ 454,192</u>	<u>\$ 115,750</u>	<u>(5,444,107)</u>
General revenues:					
Property and other taxes					3,493,828
Licenses and permits					1,536,204
Grants and contributions:					
State shared revenues					66,207
Rooms and meals tax distribution					284,315
Interest and investment earnings					113,191
Miscellaneous					280,506
Contributions to permanent fund principal					2,600
Total general revenues and contributions to permanent fund principal					<u>5,776,851</u>
Change in net assets					332,744
Net assets - beginning					<u>11,264,990</u>
Net assets - ending					<u>\$ 11,597,734</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

EXHIBIT C  
TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE  
Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
December 31, 2005

	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 7,141,834	\$ 419,024	\$ 7,560,858
Investments	264,714	668,720	933,434
Taxes receivable, net	754,046		754,046
Accounts receivable, net	62,415		62,415
Unbilled charges for service		96,559	96,559
Due from other governments	137,820		137,820
Due from other funds	81,996	4,229	86,225
Total Assets	<u>\$ 8,442,825</u>	<u>\$ 1,188,532</u>	<u>\$ 9,631,357</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 156,213		\$ 156,213
Accrued expenses	57,187		57,187
Retainage payable	25,610		25,610
Deferred revenue	563,231		563,231
Due to other governments	5,966,167		5,966,167
Due to other funds	4,228	\$ 81,997	86,225
Total Liabilities	<u>6,772,636</u>	<u>81,997</u>	<u>6,854,633</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES</b>			
Reserved for encumbrances	48,437		48,437
Reserved for endowments		72,333	72,333
Unreserved, reported in:			
General fund	1,621,752		1,621,752
Special revenue funds		1,019,479	1,019,479
Permanent funds		14,723	14,723
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,670,189</u>	<u>1,106,535</u>	<u>2,776,724</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 8,442,825</u>	<u>\$ 1,188,532</u>	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds			9,124,107
Property taxes are recognized on an accrual basis in the statement of net assets, not the modified accrual basis			563,231
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. Long-term liabilities at year end consist of:			
Bonds payable			(760,000)
Accrued interest on long-term obligations			(17,001)
Compensated absences			(89,327)
Net assets of governmental activities			<u>\$ 11,597,734</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements



# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

## EXHIBIT D

### TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE

#### Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

#### Governmental Funds

For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

	General <u>Fund</u>	Other Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total Governmental <u>Funds</u>
Revenues:			
Taxes	\$ 3,355,469		\$ 3,355,469
Licenses and permits	1,536,204		1,536,204
Intergovernmental	804,714	\$ 115,750	920,464
Charges for services	276,790	114,178	390,968
Interest and investment income	89,162	24,029	113,191
Miscellaneous	243,593	39,513	283,106
Total Revenues	<u>6,305,932</u>	<u>293,470</u>	<u>6,599,402</u>
Expenditures:			
Current operations:			
General government	1,863,374	37,823	1,901,197
Public safety	2,080,900	6,467	2,087,367
Highways and streets	708,185		708,185
Health and welfare	193,568		193,568
Sanitation	658,088		658,088
Water distribution and treatment	311,274		311,274
Culture and recreation	246,559	346,690	593,249
Capital outlay	27,327	745,450	772,777
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	190,000		190,000
Interest and fiscal charges	42,503		42,503
Total Expenditures	<u>6,321,778</u>	<u>1,136,430</u>	<u>7,458,208</u>
Excess revenues (under) expenditures	<u>(15,846)</u>	<u>(842,960)</u>	<u>(858,806)</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Operating transfers in	130,000	692,479	822,479
Operating transfers out	<u>(692,479)</u>	<u>(130,000)</u>	<u>(822,479)</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>(562,479)</u>	<u>562,479</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess revenues and other sources (under) expenditures and other uses	<u>(578,325)</u>	<u>(280,481)</u>	<u>(858,806)</u>
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>2,248,514</u>	<u>1,387,016</u>	<u>3,635,530</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u>\$ 1,670,189</u>	<u>\$ 1,106,535</u>	<u>\$ 2,776,724</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

## INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

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**TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures**  
**and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds**  
**to the Statement of Activities**  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2005

Net Change in Fund Balances--Total Governmental Funds	\$ (858,806)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.	848,894
Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds.	138,359
Repayment of bond principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	190,000
Repayment of principal on capital leases is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets.	18,911
In the statement of activities, interest is accrued on outstanding bonds, whereas in governmental funds, an interest expenditure is reported when due.	4,684
Some expense reported in the statement of activities, such as compensated absences, do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	<u>(9,298)</u>
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 332,744</u>

# INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

**EXHIBIT E**  
**TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**December 31, 2005**

	Private- Purpose <u>Trust Funds</u>	Agency <u>Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,943	\$ 819,142
Total assets	<u>\$ 5,943</u>	<u>\$ 819,142</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 418	
Deposits		\$ 819,142
Total liabilities	<u>418</u>	<u>\$ 819,142</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
Held in trust	<u>5,525</u>	
Total net assets	<u>5,525</u>	
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 5,943</u>	

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

**EXHIBIT F**  
**TOWN OF PLAISTOW, NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Assets**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2005**

	Private- Purpose <u>Trust Funds</u>
<b>ADDITIONS:</b>	
Investment earnings:	
Interest	\$ 122
Total Additions	<u>122</u>
<b>DEDUCTIONS:</b>	
Benefits	<u>122</u>
Total Deductions	<u>122</u>
Change in Net Assets	-
Net assets - beginning of year	<u>5,525</u>
Net assets - end of year	<u>\$ 5,525</u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

## REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT

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The responsibilities of the Assessor's Office include keeping information about all properties current. Ownership changes, property sales, property data, tax maps and other property information is constantly being updated so that anyone needing this information may acquire it and be confident that it is accurate.

The Assessor's Office is also responsible, under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, for keeping assessments current with market value. State law requires assessments to be proportionate, each year, and that at least once in every five years, bring assessments to full market value.

Recent legislation resulting from the 'Sirrell' v. Portsmouth decision has dramatically changed the assessing environment around the State. Specifically, three State agencies now have a direct impact on how and when assessing is performed, with the Department of Revenue Administration performing an oversight role to ensure compliance to State standards.

A major part of the new legislation has been to establish 5-year 'assessment reviews' by the Department of Revenue Administration (DRA). This past year, 2006, was Plaistow's 'assessment review' year. A report by the Department of Revenue Administration will be filed in early 2007. This report will address all facets of the assessing office from assessment equity to the way in which we address requests for abatements, veterans credits and many other assessment functions. The DRA will measure our performance against standards developed by the Assessing Standards Board (ASB) and the Equalization Standards Board (ESB).

In preparation for this 'assessment review' the assessing office performed an assessment update based upon current market activity. Based upon the preliminary statistics, the Town will meet all requirements in this respect.

We also reviewed all current use files, veterans' credit files, elderly exemption files and other tax exempt properties such as churches and Town owned properties. We were required to re-certify all these classifications at no little inconvenience to some taxpayers. We appreciate the assistance and patience of all those taxpayers who were required to re-certify this year.

### Assessment Updates:

Over the past 5 years, Plaistow has experienced 3 assessment updates. These updates are performed to bring all assessments to market value in accordance with State Standards. Plaistow performs these updates in order to prevent the drastic shifts in value and taxes experienced during a typical 'full revaluation' by making incremental changes over the 5-year period. All Towns are now required to bring assessments to current market value at least once in every five years. Plaistow's policy is to perform these more often in order to soften the impact to individual taxpayers.



## REPORT OF THE ASSESSOR'S AGENT

It is important that taxpayers understand that increasing assessments does not generate additional revenues to the Town. In the same manner, decreasing assessments will not result in less revenue to the Town. This is because the Town must raise the revenues approved by the taxpayers, neither more nor less. If the overall assessments are higher than the previous year, the tax rate will be less, and if the overall assessments are lower than the previous year, the tax rate will be higher. In each case the same amount of overall revenue will be raised to cover essential municipal services approved by the taxpayers during Town Meetings or deliberative sessions (one for the Town, and another for the School District).

Assessments for all properties are determined by the analysis of sales of generally similar properties over the past year. Market value as of April 1<sup>st</sup> 2006 determined the assessed value for each property for this most recent tax bill.

The real estate market had softened somewhat from the dramatic increases in value experienced during the 2002-2005 period. As a result, changes in assessed value for the 2006 assessment update were comparatively moderate.



While no assessment update is scheduled for 2007, the Selectmen remain committed to responding to dramatic changes in the real estate market if required. For example, if we experience substantial declines in market value for any sector such as we experienced in the early 1990s, the Selectmen will direct the Town appraisers to address those sectors with revised valuations. However, if the market remains stable or experiences moderate changes, no assessment update will occur until 2008 at the earliest.

We encourage all taxpayers to review the data on file for their property when you have the opportunity. If any questions or discrepancies are noted, please bring them to the attention of the assessment office personnel. We remain open to any and all observations as to how we may better serve you.

The assessing Department also helps people with the following exemptions:

### **Elderly Exemption**

To qualify, applicant must:

- be 65 years of age or older on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year they're applying.
- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- total household income cannot exceed \$35,000 if single, or \$50,000 if married.
- all sources of income are included.
- total assets cannot exceed \$80,000. Assets do not include the value of the house or up to 2 acres of land that the house sits on. Everything else would be included.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- ages 65 to 74 - \$110,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.
- ages 75 to 79 - \$150,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.
- ages 80 and over - \$190,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.

### **Totally and Permanently Disabled**

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 5 years prior to April 1<sup>st</sup>
- be totally and permanently disabled and collecting Social Security.
- total household income cannot exceed \$35,000 if single, or \$50,000 if married.
- all sources of income are included.
- total assets cannot exceed \$80,000. Assets do not include the value of the house or up to 2 acres of land that the house sits on. Everything else would be included.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$150,000 is subtracted from the assessment and taxes are paid on the remainder.

### **Blind Exemption**

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 1 year prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year exemption is claimed.
- be legally blind as determined by the administrator of blind services and provide a letter stating such.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$15,000 will be deducted from the assessment and taxes will be paid on the remainder.

### **Veteran's Tax Credit:**

To qualify, applicant must:

- be a New Hampshire resident for at least 1 year prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> in the year exemption is claimed.
- have served at least 90 consecutive days of active duty during a wartime period and honorably discharged. A copy of paperwork showing date of entry and date of discharge must be supplied at time of application.

If applying for service connected total disability tax credit, disability must be 100% total and permanent, must be service-connected and a letter from the veteran's administration must be supplied at time of application.

If qualified, the exemption is as follows:

- \$200 will be deducted from the taxes for a standard veteran credit and \$2,000 for a veteran with a service connected total and permanent disability.

### **Veteran Spouse or Widow:**

To qualify, applicant must:

- Demonstrate that the spouse or deceased veteran met all requirements for Veterans Tax Credit (referenced above), and,
- Has not remarried.
- The surviving spouse of any veteran killed or died while on active duty, as listed in RSA 72:28, providing that the spouse or widow has not remarried.

The State of New Hampshire has a program to rebate a portion of the state-wide property tax for qualifying elderly residents. Information is available at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wil Corcoran*

Assessor's Agent



Christmas house decorating contest.

## ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE

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1. The Board will determine a budget necessary to do the work needed for the *certification year* and make that a request as part of the budget process in the fall of the year.
2. The Assessing Firm will do the sales analysis and measurement each year as part of its regular duties. All work will be done in compliance with state laws and enforceable Administrative rules that are based upon the latest changes to the state laws.
3. The Board of Selectmen will proceed with an update based upon measurements that fall outside of recommendations for good assessing practices in the median values, stratification and/or Coefficient of Dispersion.
4. The Board of Selectmen will make the public aware of the planned process and hold a public hearing to explain the rationale for undertaking such a process. When there is a mass update, the database for taxes will not be changed for those updates until the Board agrees upon the proposed numbers.
5. The Board of Selectmen will make available speakers for groups who wish to hear about the subject, e.g. PACE, Lions, etc. Announcements will go on Cable, the Web and via a press release to the papers.
6. All mass mailings, sent by the assessing department, will be reviewed by the Board of Selectmen before they are sent, including any attachments.
7. Those with elderly and disabled exemptions will receive a separate letter indicating the potential impact on them of the changes. .
8. The Assessing Firm should make a recommendation of values (subject to revision in the hearing process) to the Board of Selectmen by July 17.
9. The Board of Selectmen will hold an informational hearing to explain the process before formally voting on accepting the assessing firm's recommendation, but the absence of this vote will not hinder proceeding with hearings for taxpayers.
10. When the new proposed values are ready, letters will be sent to invite each property owner with a new value to come and review their values. Available times will include evening hours as well as days. The letters will emphasize that an increase or decrease in values does not translate directly into an increase or decrease in a person's tax bill.
11. The letters will be sent to everyone whose property value changes by more than 5% and allow the owners at least 10 days notice before the hearing period ends. The hearing period will last at least five days. Evening appointments will be available at least 4 of those days. If more than one quarter of the parcels changes more than 5%, there will be at least 8 days for appointments with 7 evenings.
12. Lists will be available of current and proposed values at the Town Hall, Library and on the Town's Web site. If possible a program will be developed for repeated broadcast on Cable TV of the process and especially focus on the impact of the update.



News Release  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
New England Regional Office  
June 21, 2006

### *Enforcement Actions Will Spur Clean-up Efforts for Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site*

A Unilateral Administrative Order, directing 30 parties to begin cleanup activities to restore the 40-acre Beede Waste Oil Superfund Site in Plaistow, N.H., was issued today by EPA.

The order was issued because efforts to engage the parties in negotiations for performance of the cleanup work under a mutually acceptable agreement have been unsuccessful.

"EPA is committed to protecting the health and welfare of the citizens of Plaistow. Seeing this barren waste oil site cleaned up and restoring an important drinking water aquifer for area residents is critical," said Ira Leighton, deputy regional administrator of EPA's New England office. "We have given these potentially responsible parties sufficient time to tell us how they propose to carry through the cleanup plan for the site, and after months of waiting for a proposal it is apparent that the time has come to switch gears and compel the parties, through the use of our enforcement tools, to carry out the cleanup."

A comprehensive cleanup plan for the site, projected to cost \$48 million to enact, was announced by the Agency in 2004. Under the Order, the parties are required to implement the comprehensive cleanup plan for the site. The plan, called a Record of Decision, addresses soil, sediment, groundwater, and surface water contamination at the Site.

Specifically, the cleanup plan calls for the removal of contaminated soil and sediment for off-site disposal or treatment, the treatment of deeper soils through the use of soil vapor extraction technology, the extraction and treatment of contaminated groundwater with limited areas of natural attenuation, the long-term monitoring of groundwater and surface water, and the establishment of institutional controls.

In addition, EPA believes that it is important for smaller volume parties, including those who previously submitted inability-to-pay claims, to have the opportunity to settle their liabilities for the Beede site in the near future. EPA is considering settlement options for this group of "potentially responsible parties" (PRPs) and may take action to implement a plan for offering settlement terms to these parties in the near future.

To date, EPA and N.H. Dept. of Environmental Services have invested over \$24 million

for investigation and cleanup work at the site. The work has included:

- Removing approximately 1.1 million gallons of waste oil, sludge and water from approximately 100 storage tanks and 800 drums formerly located on the property;
- Investigating the extent and nature of contamination in all media at the site, and evaluating potential human health and ecological risks from contamination;
- Completing a search for PRPs to help ensure that funds will exist to perform the cleanup;
- Finalizing an early settlement with 1,199 parties through four settlement rounds, in an effort to provide parties who generated lower volumes of hazardous waste with an early opportunity to resolve their Superfund liability at Beede, while raising funds for the site;
- Installing an interceptor trench to capture oil previously seeping into nearby Kelley Brook; and
- Installing a 143-well vacuum extraction system across the site to remove oil from the groundwater table. Over 90,000 gallons of oil have been removed to date.

The Beede site is located in a residential neighborhood that is served entirely by private drinking water supply wells. The facility was in operation from the 1920 through August 1994 as waste oil storage and recycling facility. The site was added to the national Superfund list in Dec. 1996.

The site is contaminated primarily with waste oil that seeped into the ground from a variety of sources including a former unlined lagoon, underground storage tanks, aboveground storage tanks, and numerous drums located throughout the property. Drinking water supply wells serving two dozen families have been found to be contaminated with volatile organic compounds. The water serving these families is now being treated and monitored before use.

More information on the Beede site  
([epa.gov/region1/superfund/sites/beede](http://epa.gov/region1/superfund/sites/beede))

## REPORT OF THE BUILDING SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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The mission and charge to the Department of Building Safety is the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the Plaistow community. This is a responsibility this office takes very seriously. We feel very deeply that part of the mission is the education of the property owner, whether they own a home or a business. So many people are under the misconception that we push permitting only as a source of revenue for the town. They see it as an inconvenience, a nuisance. This is indeed a MISconception.

Permitting is so important for building safety. The State of New Hampshire does not yet license building contractors. This makes it extremely difficult for consumers to research and have confidence in a contractor. The permitting process offers a review of a plan *before* construction takes place as well as periodic inspections *while* construction is taking place. This process is intended to identify potential issues before they become costly consumer problems. We are the second set of impartial eyes with a depth of knowledge of building safety that an average homeowner does not have.

Many homeowners are not aware that should they decide to go ahead with building additions and alterations without proper permits and/or inspections they could be creating insurance issues for themselves. If work is done and there is a problem down the road with the work and there was no permit or inspection then their carrier may use that as grounds to not provide coverage.

Below is a synopsis of the building permits issued this year.

MONTH	# NEW	\$ VALUE - NEW	# ADD/RENO/ALT	\$ VALUE - RENO
JAN	0	\$ -	5	\$ 218,600.00
FEB	0	\$ -	4	\$ 42,600.00
MAR	1	\$ 160,000.00	6	\$ 80,000.00
APR	0	\$ -	17	\$ 240,300.00
MAY	0	\$ -	6	\$ 149,900.00
JUN	0	\$ -	20	\$ 258,664.00
JUL	0	\$ -	10	\$ 169,000.00
AUG	2	\$ 276,000.00	13	\$ 206,584.00
SEP	0	\$ -	11	\$ 284,647.00
OCT	0	\$ -	12	\$ 174,995.00
NOV	0	\$ -	5	\$ 75,550.00
DEC	0	\$ -	8	\$ 141,685.00
TOTALS	3	\$ 436,000.00	117	\$ 2,042,525.00

Speaking of depth of knowledge, when residents come to the Department of Building Safety Office they are serviced by an educated and highly-motivated staff. The team that I get to work with are all residents of the Town themselves; they understand the "big picture" of Building Safety and *responsible* Community Development. My secretary and office manager Dee Voss has made it part of her job to learn what she can to assist residents, and if she doesn't know it herself she can usually point you in the right



## REPORT OF THE BUILDING SAFETY DEPARTMENT

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direction. Ken Ray, Electrical Inspector and Jim Flathers, Plumbing Inspector, are both respected as leaders in their fields and provide excellence in service to the residents as part of the permitting and inspection process.

Building Safety is only one spoke in the Community Development wheel. Working together with the Planning Board and Leigh Komornick, the Planning Coordinator, we are able to provide a more complete planning service that not only guides a developer through the process, but also looks out for the best interests of the residents of Plaistow. All commercial development plans are reviewed for compliance with all applicable Plaistow zoning ordinances, planning regulations and State, local building safety and wetlands codes. All of these rules are in place for the protection of not only the environment but also the quality of life of the Plaistow community.

We have received the BSMI software and it's working quite well. We are now in the process of learning all it can do and tailoring it to be specific to the Plaistow permitting process. The addition of this software has streamlined permitting and made record keeping far easier.

It's as important to us, in this department, as I know it is to the residents, that your tax dollars are spent wisely. We are all taxpayers too. I am pleased to report that our revenue for 2006 was \$101,957.25. This money adequately funds the day to day operations of our department, making our budget "user-fee" instead of a tax-generating based.

Looking forward to 2007, our office will be relocating to the third floor of the Town Hall. At the end of 2006 new office space was constructed where the old balcony was through the generous donations of Donald Sargent and at no cost to the taxpayers. We know that the new space will suit the needs of our department quite well and enable us to continue to provide the residents with superior service.

The Department of Building Safety is here to assist property owners with all their building questions and needs. Our office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Stop by or call us at 382-1191 X3 anytime!

Respectfully submitted,  
*P. Michael Dorman*  
Chief Building Official



Department of Building Safety's new truck.



## REPORT OF THE CABLE COMMITTEE

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During 2006, we produced much more public-access content than in the past. We now have several new series and more people are getting involved with Channel 17. Our public service involvement has increased, as well. We are still working with the Sad Café and have added the Timberlane/Sanborn Community Coalition for Substance Abuse. We also support Family Mediation, Plaistow Lions and the Knights of Columbus. We support all local area churches. We understand that Plaistow residents need information about area churches that are not physically located in Plaistow. We continue to support the Vic Geary Center and the Rockingham Visiting Nurses and Hospice Association.

An important aspect of community service is timely, helpful public information for our residents. One thing that would help to maximize our efficiency, in this regard, is remote access to the message board. Additionally, it would be helpful if we could show local content on the message board, in lieu of having to rely on pictures out of a book. We want to be able to increase our relevance in the community by having local pictures on our message board. This could be invaluable in the event of emergency or disaster.

Old Home Day was covered live for the first time and it may also be feasible to broadcast from the Safety Complex. During 2007, PAC-17 will produce programming to showcase our conservation concerns.

While national and regional programming is doing a good job, it is important that local public server take into account the potential of local access to hold up the last mile of essential information. In 2007, we would like to see more community involvement in your public access station. More citizen participation is essential to fulfillment of the potential of public access.

We will be doing more outreach this year. We will offer camera classes and workshops for citizens who want to learn to be producers. Any citizen who wants to produce programming for Channel 17 will be given every opportunity and encouragement to do so.

The decision to move the Council Chambers to the Great Hall, led to installation of a new video system. The public is being better served by the close up views of our public servants in action. We hope this will lead to a higher voter turnout and greater interest in what's happening in Plaistow.

What's your interest? The Fish & Game Club? Plaistow Historical Society?, gardening?, conservation?, commuter concerns?, astronomy?, or would you like to produce a "Sound Off" show? You name it. You can do it. Come on down and sign up at 91 Plaistow Road, 382-7463, fax, 382-7464. Or e-mail Bob at [bcarolan@comcast.net](mailto:bcarolan@comcast.net) or call him at 300-0081. I hope you will get involved.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert Carolan*

Cable Coordinator

## REPORT OF THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN COMMITTEE

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The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) is an adjunct to the Master Plan and like the Master Plan, it is strictly a planning document. The CIP committee is charged by the Planning Board to prepare an annual CIP to present to the Planning Board for approval and then to the Board of Selectmen and Budget Committee to aid them in preparing the annual budget. The CIP committee is made up of members from the Planning Board, Board of Selectmen and the Budget Committee. The Planning Board chairman also serves as the CIP committee chairman. The Planning Coordinator and Town Manager support the CIP committee in preparation of the plan. Thanks to Leigh Komornick and Jason Hoch for their time and effort this year in getting the CIP ready for presentation to the 3 Boards.

The CIP has estimates of capital expenditures over a 6 year period; the plan prepared in calendar year 2006 has estimates for 2007 through 2012 and is used to help preparing the 2007 budget that is prepared for calendar year 2007 and voted on at the March 2007 Town Meeting. The CIP committee also reviews the capital reserve accounts set up for the purchase of large expense items such as fire apparatus, highway department vehicles and long term building maintenance. The purpose of the review is to make sure the balances in the accounts are sufficient to cover the planned expenses in the 6-year planning period.

The table below compares the proposed CIP totals with the budget totals and then calculates the percent of the total budget allocated for capital expenditures. The amounts shown reflect amounts proposed at Town Meeting and not those voted at Town Meeting. Also note that the amounts have been rounded to the nearest thousand dollars.

Year/Item	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
CIP Total	\$988	\$1091	\$1103	\$1081	\$1105	\$1352
Budget Total	\$6289	\$6080	\$8022	\$7068	\$7521	\$
Percent of CIP Total to Budget Total	15.71%	17.94%	13.74%	15.36%	14.69%	%

When a CIP is in place and maintained, it allows towns to impose impact fees on developers. The purpose of the impact fee is to charge an up-front fee from developers, at occupancy permit time, a sum of money to help offset the additional capital expenditures required because of the new residential, commercial or industrial growth. The Town of Plaistow has impact fees in place for schools, recreation, public safety complex, fire suppression water line and new subdivision roads.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Timothy Moore*

Chairman

## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

<b>PLAISTOW PROPOSED CAPITAL PROJECTS FOR 2007 – 2011</b> <b>Approved by the Planning Board December 2006</b>					
<i><b>Transportation</b></i>	<i><b>2007</b></i>	<i><b>2008</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>	<i><b>2010</b></i>	<i><b>2011</b></i>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Westville Road Bridge	\$0	\$0	\$85,000	\$0	\$500,000
Garden Road Bridge	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$500,000	\$0
Highway Capital Projects/Drainage	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
Road Surface Management Projects	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000	\$330,000
Building Inspector's Truck	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$22,000	\$0
Maintenance/Safety Complex/Recreation Truck	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Reserve Deposit) – DPW Vehicles	\$71,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$471,000</b>	<b>\$459,000</b>	<b>\$544,000</b>	<b>\$981,000</b>	<b>\$959,000</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Sale of Vehicles	\$5,000		\$5,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Highway Rev. Block Grant	\$136,157	\$136,157	\$136,157	\$136,157	\$136,157
State Bridge Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$468,000	\$468,000
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$141,157</b>	<b>\$136,157</b>	<b>\$141,157</b>	<b>\$607,157</b>	<b>\$607,157</b>
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$329,843</b>	<b>\$322,843</b>	<b>\$402,843</b>	<b>\$373,843</b>	<b>\$351,843</b>
<i><b>Town Buildings</b></i>	<i><b>2007</b></i>	<i><b>2008</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>	<i><b>2010</b></i>	<i><b>2011</b></i>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Town Hall Parking	\$5,000	\$35,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tractor/Snow Blower Town Hall	\$6,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Safety Complex Rooftop Units	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Land Expansion of Cemetery/Safety Complex	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Complex Architect (net of impact fee use of \$50,000)	\$0	\$450,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Public Safety Complex Expansion	\$0	**\$3,500,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Bond Safety Complex Expansion	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$350,000	\$350,000
Resurface Parking Lot	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Library Bond (Final pay 2009)	\$215,502	\$205,750	\$198,501	\$0	\$0
Library Driveway	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Cable Set-up & Cable Building	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Salt Shed	**\$110,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Highway Garage	**\$580,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0



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<i><b>Town Buildings Continued</b></i>	<i><b>2007</b></i>	<i><b>2008</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>	<i><b>2010</b></i>	<i><b>2011</b></i>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Bond Highway Garage & Salt Shed	\$0	\$103,000	\$99,000	\$95,000	\$91,000
Courthouse Heating	\$16,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Recreation/Community Center	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$350,000	\$0
Pollard Park Statue & Monuments	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Reserve Deposit) - Town Hall Renovations	\$130,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
(Reserve Deposits) - Building Systems	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
<b>SUBTOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$392,502</b>	<b>\$910,750</b>	<b>\$667,501</b>	<b>\$815,000</b>	<b>\$461,000</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Library Revenue	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0	\$0
Cable Revenue for Cable Building	\$0	\$50,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>SUBTOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$70,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$322,502</b>	<b>\$840,750</b>	<b>\$597,501</b>	<b>\$815,000</b>	<b>\$461,000</b>
<i><b>Town Hall Services</b></i>	<i><b>2007</b></i>	<i><b>2008</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>	<i><b>2010</b></i>	<i><b>2011</b></i>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Records Management	\$7,750	\$10,000	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
Copier	\$3,030	\$3,030	\$3,030	\$3,030	\$3,200
Phone System – Town Hall	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$25,000	\$0
Surveillance Video	\$0	\$0	\$16,000	\$0	\$0
Computers/Software	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
GIS	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$7,500
Computer Software Update – Rep. BMSI	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Printers	\$500	\$0	\$500	\$0	\$500
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$27,780</b>	<b>\$29,530</b>	<b>\$36,030</b>	<b>\$42,030</b>	<b>\$15,200</b>
<i><b>Fire Suppression Water</b></i>	<i><b>2007</b></i>	<i><b>2008</b></i>	<i><b>2009</b></i>	<i><b>2010</b></i>	<i><b>2011</b></i>
<b>Expenses</b>					
System Expansion – Main, Old, Jesse George, Old County					
(Reserve Deposit) - 125 System Expansion	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000	\$250,000
System Study	\$15,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$265,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>
<i><b>Fire/Rescue</b></i>					
<b>Expenses</b>					
(Reserve Deposit) – Fire Equipment	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>



## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

<b>Natural Resources and Recreation</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Conservation Fund	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
Recreation Projects	\$150,000	\$25,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Drinking Water Source	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Purchase of Open Space	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$155,000</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Police</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Expenses</b>					
Cruiser Replacement	\$60,500	\$32,000	\$70,000	\$105,000	\$107,000
Add 1 New Cruiser to Fleet of 10	\$0	\$39,000	\$0	\$0	\$0
Replace Management Information System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0
Mobile Data Terminal	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fingerprint Identification System	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$0
Record Retention	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$20,000	\$0	\$0
Replacement of Computer/Software	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
<b>Sub Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$175,500</b>	<b>\$86,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$245,000</b>	<b>\$117,000</b>
<b>Revenues</b>					
Revenue Offset of Sale of Used Cruisers	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$5,700	\$5,700
<b>Sub Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>	<b>\$5,700</b>
<b>TOTAL NEW EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$169,800</b>	<b>\$80,300</b>	<b>\$94,300</b>	<b>\$239,300</b>	<b>\$111,300</b>
<b>TOTAL CIP EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$1,349,925</b>	<b>\$1,633,423</b>	<b>\$1,465,674</b>	<b>\$1,805,173</b>	<b>\$1,274,343</b>
<b>Reserve Withdrawal</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Highway Department Trucks	\$130,000	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$60,000
Backhoe	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$70,000	\$0
Town Hall Renovations	\$160,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fire Department Rescue	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$0	\$0
Fire Suppression – Rte 125, Danville, Jesse George, 121A	\$0	\$0	\$277,200	\$0	\$0
Fire Suppression – Rte 125, East, Old	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$388,080	\$0
Fire Suppression – Rte 125, Main, Old County	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$277,200
Fire Suppression – Rte 125, Old County, Roadstone	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$332,640
Fire Suppression – Looping System off 125	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

## REPORT OF THE CEMETERY SEXTON

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I would like to thank all of those involved who spend countless time working on budgets and many things that don't always appear in the daily running of the cemetery at large. There is so much that goes into planning, mapping and keeping records that need updating constantly. It is a Town effort that gets great results.

In 2006, there were 21 graves sold. We added a new section with 296 graves and with a balance of 47 graves in other sections. That gives us a total of 343 graves available as of today. I just wanted to mention that if anyone is interested in purchasing any lots it is permitted any time during the year, all anyone has to do is set up an appointment with the Selectmen's Executive Secretary Ruth Jenne. These lots are available on a first come, first acquire basis.

In 2007, we hope to repair damaged monuments, restore a healthy grass surface and plant more trees in areas where other trees have been cut down.

I would also like to mention that any Veteran who has served his or her country is entitled to a Veteran's marker which usually consists of a flat 2' x 1' marker. This marker has the name of the Veteran, branch of service, birth and death engraved. These markers are free from the government and the only charge is a small installation fee. These markers can be ordered at any time and there are no time limits.

We also have reserved a section for Veteran's that are available at no charge. There is a fee for the opening and closing of these graves. We have cremation plots and one person plots that can be used for two cremations available.

Looking forward to 2007, I wish to thank all involved and wish to convey my sincere appreciation for being able to serve all of you.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Herbert "Topper" Reed*  
Cemetery Sexton



WWI Monument in the Spring.

## REPORT OF THE CENTENNIAL & CIVIL WAR COMMITTEE

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The Centennial & Civil War Committee was organized in the fall of 2006. Members forming the committee are Barry A. Sargent, Bernadine A. FitzGerald, T. Richard Latham, N. H. State Rep. Norman L. Major, Brenda E. Major, Rev. Lou Drew and Martha Sumner.

The purpose of the meeting was to plan a celebration similar to the one back in 1908 when the Soldiers Monument was given to the town by Arthur G. Pollard. This event is being planned for September 13, 2008. This will be an all day event. Tentatively we plan to start the program of events in the morning with a local band playing the same centennial music played in 1908. It is also planned to have centennial type games. Following this we will have a program of events which will include a rededicating ceremony of the monument and the installation of a new time capsule. A new time capsule will be constructed to be put in place of the old one in the monument. The committee encourages the town's people to dress in costumes of the 1900 time period for the events of the day. In the evening we will have a dinner/dance under a tent on the town green.

The committee is considering having a civil-war type re-enactment during the day on the town green or possibly an encampment.

The committee will ask for letters from Pollard School, Timberlane Regional Middle and Timberlane High School classes for placing into the time capsule. These letters will be written to their similar classes in the year 2108. Similar letters will also be requested from the Selectmen, all town Committees, Churches and Organizations to be placed in the time capsule. The committee is also encouraging families to write letters as well.

The Historical Society will prepare booklets to be given out on the history of Arthur G. Pollard. Included will be the program of the day.

Respectfully submitted,

*Barry A. Sargent*

Chairman



Civil War Statue before 2006 restoration.



## REPORT OF THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST COMMITTEE

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The Conflict of Interest Committee is dedicated to serving the citizens of Plaistow with Town Officials who operate in the best interest of the public to keep the Town clean, growing and a safe place to live.

To date, no Petitions of Alleged Violations have been filed with the Committee.

Copies of the Conflict of Interest Ordinance, Bylaws and the Petition of Alleged Violations Form are available to be printed at the COI Committee's e-mail address at [townofplaistowcoic@yahoo.com](mailto:townofplaistowcoic@yahoo.com), or by writing to the Committee at PO Box 903, Plaistow NH 03865. This PO Box and e-mail address go directly to the COI Committee. Forms may also be obtained at the Committee's regular meetings. Petitions of Alleged Violations forms must only be mailed to the COI Committee at the above PO Box.

The Conflict of Interest Ordinance, Bylaws, Petition of Alleged Violations Forms can also be obtained at the Town Hall or can be printed from the Town of Plaistow web site at [plaistow.com](http://plaistow.com). Also, the Plaistow Public Library has a copy of each that can be photocopied.

The Committee is still interested in forming a NH Conflict of Interest Group of area Towns who have a Conflict of Interest Ordinance or who would like to adopt an Ordinance of their own. Committees would share ideas and information on Conflict of Interest Ordinances and possible ways to make them better.

The Committee is available to interpret and/or discuss the COI Ordinance with citizens and Officials at regular meetings. Any suggestions on ways to improve the Ordinance will be taken under consideration by the Committee.

The Conflict of Interest Committee meets the third Tuesday of the Month at 7:00 PM at the Plaistow Public Library. All regular meetings are open to the public and all are welcome to attend.

If interested in being on the Committee, please refer to the Conflict of Interest Ordinance and Bylaws for requirements of members and who can be a Member.

Members of the Conflict of Interest Committee in 2006 are Ruth Santosuosso, Chairman; Harry Birmingham, Vice Chairman; Therese Chouinard, Secretary. Also a new member, Michael Allen, was elected by the Committee on 4/18/2006 to fill one of the two vacant positions until elections in March. All have given of their time on this Committee for the Town of Plaistow.

Respectfully Submitted,  
*Therese A Chouinard*  
Secretary



## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMISSION

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### Highlights for 20006:

- Worked with the NH Department of Transportation to secure a conservation easement on a piece of property adjacent to the Town Forest land.
- Worked with Rockingham County Conservation District to remove junkyard debris that had encroached on the Kingston portion of the Cox farm conservation easement.
- Continued to work with the Boy Scouts from Troop 18 to make improvements to the Town Forest.
- Continued the annual water sampling program.

Work was completed this year on securing a conservation easement on a piece of property adjacent to the Town Forest. The property, formerly owned by Mr. McGirr, was purchased by the State of NH and an easement given to the Town of Plaistow. This allows Plaistow to maintain this property as part of the Town Forest and enjoy the additional acreage and wildlife habitats of this property. The State of NH purchased this land as part of a mitigation process for filling in wetlands as part of the Route 125 improvements that will be constructed in phases from 2007 through 2012. In Plaistow, the wetlands that are to be filled are all in the State's Right-Of-Way and are all essentially drainage ditches along the road. The improvements provide proper drainage along the entire length of Route 125 in Plaistow.

In the spring of 2006 it was reported that junk cars and parts were encroaching on the Cox farm conservation easement. The Commission worked with the Rockingham County Conservation District to get the junk and debris removed. The Conservation District was instrumental in obtaining the easement and is in fact the owner of the easement. The Town of Plaistow is the Easement Executor and any use of the land that is part of the easement must have approval by both the Town of Plaistow and the Conservation District. It is the responsibility of the owner of the easement to make sure all provisions of the easement are upheld and to verify that no encroachments to the easement occur.

Troop 18 continues to have a very successful program of encouraging its member scouts to advance to the rank of Eagle Scout. One requirement for obtaining this rank is the completion of an Eagle Scout project. This project must be planned and carried out by the Eagle Scout candidate. The project also involves the supervision of other scouts and volunteers to complete the work as planned. This year Sean Quigley's project was the construction of picnic tables in the Town Forest. These are located just inside the gated area and should add greatly to the overall enjoyment of the Town Forest. Everyone is invited to use these tables to enjoy a picnic lunch, play games, or just relax and enjoy the forest. Please remember the motto from our National Parks, "Take only pictures, leave only footprints!"

## REPORT OF THE CONSERVATION COMISSION

We continued our annual sampling of the streams, brooks, and rivers in Plaistow at 17 different points. Below are the results of the testing for nitrates and nitrites over the past 20+ years:

Sample Point	Test Type (mg/l)	1983 (mg/l)	1993 (mg/l)	2003 (mg/l)	2004 (mg/l)	2005 (mg/l)	2006 (mg/l)
Little River at the intersection of Old County Rd and Kingston Rd	Nitrates	< 0.10	0.5	0.56	0.7	0.20	0.34
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05
Little River at the Atkinson / Plaistow Town Line	Nitrates	0.14	0.5	1.34	0.59	0.24	0.53
	Nitrites	< 0.10	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05	< 0.05

Note the "<" symbol means less than and gets reported when the available measurement techniques measure some quantity of a substance but it is so small that it cannot be measured accurately. These points are often referred to as Minimum Detectable Limit (MDL) points.

The unit of measure for both nitrates and nitrites is milligrams per liter (mg/l). Drinking water standards require less than 10 mg/l for nitrates.

Although the water quality in our streams does not meet drinking water standards for some measures such as pH and coliform, neither does it pose a severe health risk.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Timothy Moore*

Chairman



Larry Gil documenting conservation land.

## REPORT OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

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The goal of the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is to continue to coordinate with local, state and federal agencies to prepare for any possible natural and/or man-made disasters, and major health hazards. Part of achieving this goal is to work with Town department heads to anticipate all departments' additional needs in times of emergency.

Currently, regional planning is underway to prepare for an all-hazards health emergency, i.e. pandemic influenza, SARS, or a meningitis outbreak. Any health emergency will be addressed through a state and local network. This will allow for appropriate disbursement of required vaccinations, isolation and/or quarantine procedures, and possible decontamination sites. Due to the nature of these types of events, more widespread coordination is needed to deliver specific required resources. Emergency Management has been working with the Town of Plaistow Health Officer, regional and state health officials on the health plan.

In 2006 the OEM continued to coordinate with the Timberlane Regional School District on emergency planning and participated in the Timberlane District Community Safety Committee. Additionally, a review was completed and the three school buildings in Plaistow were evaluated for their shelter capacity and shelter agreements were updated. The OEM also worked with the Plaistow Fish and Game Club to update and sign a renewed shelter agreement with them.

The Office of Emergency Management is prepared as described in the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The Public Release Edition of this plan can be viewed at the Town of Plaistow's web site @ [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com).

As a town, Plaistow is ahead of many communities in the State of New Hampshire by being one of the first to develop both the EOP and a Hazard Mitigation Plan. The departments of the town continue to implement these plans, identifying any possible deficiencies, and making appropriate corrections, as needed.

Again, I would like to invite persons interested in assisting their fellow citizens during times of emergency to contact me at the EOC 382-5847 or via e-mail address [wscully@plaistow.com](mailto:wscully@plaistow.com)

Respectfully submitted,

*William J. Scully*

Director



## REPORT OF FAMILY MEDIATION & JUVINILE SERVICES

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2006 was a year of growth for our agency. We provided services to 1435 youth and parents from the towns of Atkinson, Danville, Hampstead, Kingston, Newton, Plaistow and Salem, NH.

Besides funding received from the above towns, monies were also received from Heritage United Way, the Rockingham County Incentive Funds and private donations. Please visit us at [www.fmjs.org](http://www.fmjs.org) to learn more about the programs and services we have to offer, at low or no cost, to residents and their families in need of support.

2006 achievement included:

- ◆ Our diversion courses all sustained substantial increases in attendance over 2005:
- ◆ Stop shoplifting 52%, anger management 45%, drug and alcohol 39%;
- ◆ Referrals to the agency increased by 24%;
- ◆ Youth placed at community service sites – 1143 hours of service returned to the community;
- ◆ \$6,1750.50 in monetary restitution was returned to the victims;
- ◆ Peer Mediation workshops were held at Sanborn and Timberlane Regional Schools and also at the Hampstead Middle School;
- ◆ More fundraising initiatives were held, allowing us to sustain and improve programs; and
- ◆ Over 66 volunteers attended our “Holiday Gathering” – our annual appreciation night.

Family Mediation & Juvenile Services is dedicated to serving area youth and families. We would again like to thank the townspeople, judges, police departments, schools, donors, volunteers (mediators, community service supervisors, etc.) and the staff, who make it all possible.

### **Family Mediation & Juvenile Services Board of Directors:**

Laura Bertogli, Newton  
Andrea Bonner, Kingston  
Rose Cavalear, Atkinson  
Dale Childs, Hampstead

Debra DeSimone, Atkinson  
Dick Gerrish, Kingston  
Marta Modigliani, Danville  
Kathleen Marino, Newton

Dan Poliquin, Plaistow  
Roclyn Porter, Hampstead  
Barbara Tavitian, Plaistow

Respectfully submitted,

*Rich Cram*

Director of Services





### **Recognition**

Thank you, the citizens of Plaistow, for your continued support of your fire department. Without this support, we cannot do the job you expect of us. From the financial needs of running the department to the compassion and respect you demonstrate to us when we are responding to calls, your feedback helps us to keep in focus as to why we exist as a vital part of our community.

The core of your fire department is made up of your neighbors, friends and possibly co-workers from the community. In essence we are an extended family of the general population of the Town. This year, we lost two former members of the department, Edgar Davis and Gordon Sykes. Ed served for many years and was one of many that came together to lay the foundation for our current department's continued successes. Gordon gave the town 37 years as a firefighter and remained active as a Forest Fire Special Deputy Warden at the time of his death. Both of these men will be missed.

The members of the department make us successful. This year, we recognized two members who have "continuously answered the call" and generally gone above and beyond the call of duty. Distinguished Service Awards were presented to both Dick Colcord and Dave Sargent. These members have a combined service history of over 60 years, the majority of that time serving the department with the added responsibilities of being an officer and on the Board of Fire Engineers. Their leadership, dedication and commitment helped to keep not only the community safe, but also those that served under their command. If you know either of these men, please take a moment to thank them for their dedication to the Town.

### **Who are we and what do we do?**

The department is classified as a 'combination' department, being made up of both fulltime staff and volunteers. Each relies on the other for our services to be successful. There are 3 fulltime staff who are charged with many of the routine day-to-day activities associated with being prepared to serve the community from minor maintenance, inspections, training preparation and record keeping, while also answering emergency service calls. The volunteer or "Call" component is the larger staffing component and is the backbone of our emergency response capability. Regardless of the technology or equipment the Town provides us, the essence of our business requires competent, dedicated men and women to render the quality services you have come to expect and deserve.

Your fire department provides a myriad of services. Residents most commonly associate us with big red trucks, fire hoses, axes and ladders putting out fires. Fortunately, Plaistow is following a national trend relative to major fires, in that we see fewer and fewer of them. That doesn't mean we don't train or prepare for those catastrophic events. We also provide emergency medical response, hazardous materials incident intervention and fire prevention education and inspection. We review building plans for fire code compliance and life safety concerns. Routine inspections of the various businesses and schools in town are conducted periodically to ensure the safety of employees as well as students, customers and/or business partners that visit these locations. We train on the various aspects of our service on a weekly basis. Our members are offered classes in advanced firefighting skills, technical rescue and emergency medical response. We visit the schools and child care facilities in the community to teach children how to be safe in their homes.

We have expanded beyond simple fire safety to include the many hazards that children face everyday and teach them what to do in an emergency. They learn at an early age the dangers of fire and hazards around them.

Each year, Fire Prevention Week focuses on a specific area of fire safety. We will promote that theme in our programs delivered to the schools, as well as our annual Open House, held in October. This is an opportunity for you, the taxpayer, to meet the members of your department, see some of our capabilities and inspect the equipment you have provided to us. I encourage you to plan to stop by next October and take part in our Open House. If you can't make the Open House, feel free to stop by the station during the day. We would be happy give you a tour of the facility and equipment.

We maintain fire apparatus consistent with the needs of the community. Periodically, we replace trucks as they age and/or require excessive maintenance to remain in service. We have in place a capital replacement plan that spans a 20 year period. This past year, with your support, we replaced our 1991 ambulance. The new truck, Rescue-2, provides a state of the art Emergency Medical Services platform from which we provide our EMS service to the Town. Our goal is for this truck to remain on the front line for at least 10 years. As part of the capital replacement program, we have a capital reserve fund that you have supported to offset the cost of purchasing apparatus. I hope that you continue to fund this account, as it will allow us to remain on track with our planned replacements and minimize the overall impact on your taxes.

This year, we began discussion with our contracted ambulance service to ensure the cost savings provided to Plaistow over the last 3 years continue. As part of that, we initiated discussion and coordinated with the surrounding 5 towns that also use the same service and have essentially secured a long term contract at no cost to the communities. This was made possible, in part, by the generosity of the Town of Atkinson allowing the dedicated contract ambulance to be housed in their fire station. Over the term of the contract period, it is estimated that we will save the Town approximately \$150-200,000 with no decrease in service. This is in addition to approximately \$100,000 we have saved over the last 3 years with the same company.

### **How can you be 'Fire Safe'?**

The thought of having a residential fire, and the devastation resulting from even a relatively minor fire, is one of the most frightening circumstances one can imagine. Fortunately, through aggressive building and fire code enforcement, we continue to maintain a relatively fire safe community. However, disaster is never far away and can manifest itself at any time. You can be proactive to "keep the dragon in its place" by following some very basic fire safety principles. Most residential fires are preventable by using a little common sense in and around our homes:

- Install and maintain a smoke detector in each sleeping area and on each level of your home.
- Check your home for fire hazards.
- If you smoke, make sure you extinguish all smoking materials before discarding.
- Practice safe cooking in the kitchen.
- Keep matches and lighters away from children.

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- Use electrical extension cords for temporary power and never run them under rugs or through doorways. Check the cord periodically to see if it is showing signs of “wear and tear” or misuse.
- Candles, including those that are contained, are one of the leading causes of residential fires in America, use them judiciously. Never leave a lit candle unattended or in a place where a pet can knock it over.
- Have your heating system serviced regularly by a qualified technician. If you use wood as a heating fuel, have your chimney professionally cleaned and inspected at least annually.

Every year, we experience several delays in reaching a resident because of improperly located (or missing) house numbers. To help us find you if you need us:

- Check to make sure your home is marked with numbers that are **clearly visible** from the street.
- Numbers should be at least 4” high and of a **contrasting color** to the material they are attached to.
- If you have recently painted or sided your home or apartment, make sure the numbers were reinstalled appropriately.

Remember, if you call 9-1-1, we may not know exactly where you live. Help yourself before an emergency. Take the time to see how easy it is to spot your house in the daytime and at night. See if your neighbors’ homes are clearly marked. We will use their numbering to locate your house and vice versa.

### **Can you contribute some skill to the Fire Department without actually becoming a firefighter or EMT?**

Yes, there is a volunteer opportunity in the federally sanctioned “Fire Corps.” This program is designed to bring various non-fire suppression talents into the local fire house. If you would like to be involved in our activities, have a unique skill and would like to contribute to the community, but aren’t interested in the firefighting or EMS aspects of our function, feel free to introduce yourself and we’ll see if there is a match of your talents to the needs of the department.

It is my goal to continue to develop and advance your fire department to meet the continually changing needs of the Town, in a fiscally responsible manner. We are constantly looking at ways to improve how we deliver our services to the Town, gaining efficiencies in our day-to-day operations and maximizing our resources at the Safety Complex to meet the demands of the community. If you feel you might be interested in joining the department, or would like more information regarding our activities, please feel free to contact us at the Safety Complex or call 382-5012. For more information regarding your Fire Department, please see our link on the Town’s website ([www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com)).

Finally, the town is extremely fortunate to have a group of citizens that are focused on giving so much back to the community. Without their dedication and sacrifice, the department would cease to exist as we know it. The hours spent responding to alarms is only the tip of the iceberg as it relates to participating in this organization. I am publicly thanking them for their continued service and dedication.



## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT

### 2006 Summary of Fire Department Responses:

Type	#	Type	#
Auto Fires	5	Other (non-specific)	33
Boiler/Heater Malfunctions	9	Public Assists	16
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	7	Rescue	466
Fire Alarm Activations	65	Smoke Investigations	15
Hazardous Materials Incidents	6	Structure Fires	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	94	Woods/Grass/Brush Fires	17
Mutual Aid (Provided)	24	<b>Total Alarms</b>	<b>773</b>
Odor Investigations	12		

Respectfully submitted,

*John H. McArdle*

Fire Chief



Firefighters demonstrate accident scene techniques for Timberlane High School students.



## FIRE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

The CIP Committee, working with the Fire Chief, developed this table in 2001. It shows all of the current fire/rescue vehicles with their: estimated replacement cost, estimated useful life, replacement schedule and total estimated replacement costs for the 20-year period of 2002-2021. Dividing the total replacement costs by 20, projects the average annual cost to be \$80,000. With the goal of developing a CIP Plan that levels the annual capital costs, the CIP Committee has placed \$80,000 in the CIP plan each year for the replacement of fire/rescue vehicles. The Board of Selectmen have submitted an annual Warrant Article proposing that \$80,000 be placed in the Fire Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. These Warrant Articles have been approved by the voters each year. Spending money from this fund requires the vote of the people.

ORIGINAL FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLE PROJECTED REPLACEMENT COSTS (2001)							
Fire/Rescue Vehicle	Year & Make	Estimated Replacement Cost	Estimated Life	1st Replacement Year	2nd Replacement Year	Times Replaced 2002-2021	Total Projected Replacement Cost 2002-2021
Command	TBD	\$35,000	7 years	2007	2014	3	\$105,000
Engine- 1	1977 Brockway	\$305,000	26 years	2003		1	\$305,000
Rescue- 2	1991 Ford	\$125,000	15 years	2006	2021	2	\$250,000
Tanker- 3	1979 4-Guys	\$242,000	30 years	SELL		0	\$0
Forestry- 4	1994 GMC	\$40,000	20 years	2014		1	\$40,000
Tanker- 5	1993 Pierce	\$350,000	20 years	2013		1	\$350,000
Rescue- 6	1994 Ford	\$125,000	13 years	2007	2020	2	\$250,000
Engine- 7	1987 KME	\$300,000	25 years	2012		1	\$300,000
Snorkel- 8	1969 Pierce	\$300,000	TBD	TBD		0	\$0
♦Total Costs 2006-20205: \$1,600,000							
♦Projected Cost/Year: \$80,000							

Since 2001, vehicles have been purchased per the original plan and some minor adjustments have been made to the estimated vehicle costs and to the replacement schedule. These changes bring us to the current Replacement Plan.

## FIRE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

CURRENT FIRE/RESCUE VEHICLE PROJECTED REPLACEMENT PLAN (2005)							
Fire/ Rescue Vehicle	Year & Make	Estimated Replacement Cost	Estimated Life	1st Replacement Year	2nd Replacement Year	Times Replaced 2006- 2025	Total Projected Replacement Cost 2006- 2025
Command	2004 Ford	\$35,000	10 years	2014	2024	2	\$70,000
Engine- 1	2003 KME	\$308,000	23 years	2025		1	\$308,000
Rescue- 2	1991 Ford	\$150,000	15 years	2006	2021	2	\$300,000
Tanker- 3	1979 4-Guys	\$242,000	30 years	SELL		0	\$0
Forestry- 4	1994 GMC	\$40,000	20 years	2014		1	\$40,000
Tanker- 5	1993 Pierce	\$350,000	25 years	2018		1	\$350,000
Rescue- 6	1994 Ford	\$150,000	15 years	2009	2024	2	\$300,000
Engine- 7	1987 KME	\$300,000	25 years	2012		1	\$300,000
Snorkel- 8	1969 Pierce	\$250,000	TBD	TBD		0	\$0
♦ Total Costs 2006-2025: \$1,668,000							
♦Projected Cost/Year: \$83,400							

While these changes increase the Projected Cost/Year, the following Capital Reserve Cash Flow shows that an increase in the annual allocation is not necessary.

FIRE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CASH FLOW						
Year	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Revenue		\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Expense		\$150,000			\$150,000	
Balance	\$166,662	\$96,662	\$176,662	\$266,662	\$186,662	\$266,662

FIRE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CASH FLOW						
Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	
Revenue	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	
Expense		\$300,000		\$75,000		
Balance	\$346,662	\$126,662	\$206,662	\$211,662	\$291,662	

## FIRE VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

FIRE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CASH FLOW					
Year	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Revenue	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Expense			\$350,000		
Balance	\$371,662	\$451,662	\$181,662	\$261,662	\$341,662

FIRE EQUIPMENT CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CASH FLOW					
Year	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Revenue	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
Expense	\$150,000			\$185,000	\$308,000
Balance	\$271,662	\$351,662	\$431,662	\$326,662	\$98,662



Santa's annual tour of Plaistow, courtesy of Plaistow Fire Department.



The Plaistow Fire Department and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to obtain a permit before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us) for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at [www.nhdf.org](http://www.nhdf.org).

Statewide, fire activity was very high during the first several weeks of the 2006 fire season, with red-flag conditions issued by the National Weather Service and extreme fire danger in many sections of the state. The largest forest fire during this period occurred in late April and burned 98 acres. The extremely dry conditions in spring resulted in over twice the amount of acreage burned than in all of 2005. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Fires in the wildland urban interface damaged 6 structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org). Please help Smokey Bear, the Plaistow Fire Department and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

Locally in Plaistow, we began the spring fire season with moderate activity. Dry conditions early in the year gave way to several brush fires that had the potential to involve large areas of land. We were fortunate to have been able to contain those fires and keep them primarily to the area of origin. This was due to quick notification and response by our staff. Plaistow maintains an aggressive permitting policy within the community and urge residents to contact us if they plan to have an outside fire, of any size, whether in a pile, a fire pit, enclosed camp fire device or chiminea. You can obtain a seasonal permit by calling the Fire Department at 382-5012. We will inspect your site, make any recommendations necessary and issue you a permit for the year. It is important to remember to notify dispatch when engaging in outside burning. This will prevent unnecessary smoke investigations in the event a neighbor smells smoke from your fire and doesn't know where it is coming from. More information can be found on the Fire Department's web page on [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com). Take a moment to review the outside burning regulations to ensure you remain fire safe.

**ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE.**

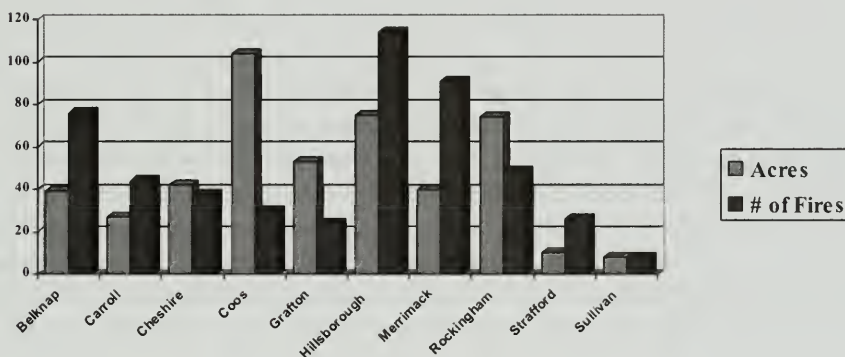


## 2006 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 8, 2006)

(figures do not include fires on the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	39	76
Carroll	27	44
Cheshire	42	38
Coos	104	30
Grafton	53	24
Hillsborough	75	114
Merrimack	40	91
Rockingham	74	49
Strafford	10	26
Sullivan	8	8



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED		Total Fires		Total Acres
Arson	15	2006	500	473
Campfire	24	2005	546	174
Children	13	2004	482	147
Smoking	50	2003	374	100
Debris	284	(*Misc.: fireworks electric fences power lines)		
Railroad	3			
Equipment	4			
Lightning	1			
Misc.*	106			

Respectfully submitted,  
*John H. McArdle*  
 Warden

*Neil Bilodeau*  
 Ranger



The Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District is organized as a regional solution to the hazardous materials response problem. The purpose of the District is to prepare our communities for responses to hazardous materials incidents, both with training and equipment. The 16 communities that comprise the district are: Auburn, Atkinson, Candia, Chester, Danville, Deerfield, Derry, Hampstead, Hooksett, Litchfield, Londonderry, Pelham, Plaistow, Sandown, Salem and Windham. Approximately 400 square miles and a population of approximately 150,000 residents are covered by the district's response area. In addition, the District protects an Interstate Highway System as well as a rail line, hundreds of miles of state and local highways and the state's largest airport.

The District is managed by an Operations Committee, consisting of a Chief Fire Officer from each member community, who carry out the day-to-day business of the organization; and a Board of Directors, consisting of an elected or appointed member of municipal government in each member community, who provide oversight and fiscal management. The District provides the highest level of response available for Hazardous Materials, Level "A".

District resources include two response trailers equipped with generators, oil spill and decontamination equipment, chemical reference material, protective suits, communications equipment and a response truck and trailer equipped for the team. The District trailers and truck are strategically located to respond to any community requesting them. An EMS Mass Casualty trailer is located in Londonderry, available for response to medical incidents with a large number of patients. The District also maintains a Decontamination trailer that is equipped to decontaminate a large number of people affected by a HAZMAT or weapons of mass destruction incident.

### **Response Team**

The response team is made up of 40 members drawn from the ranks of the fire departments within the District. The team consists of 36 technician level members (TMs), four communication specialists (CSs) and six technician team leaders (TTLs). In addition to members drawn from a fire department background, the team also includes persons from various backgrounds that act as advisors to the team in their specific areas of expertise. These advisors include an industrial chemist, a microbiologist, a medical examiner and a member from the Londonderry Police Department. Activation of the team is made by the request of the local incident commander through the Derry Fire Dispatch Center. The team is then notified to respond via alphanumeric pagers and cellular phones. The team is available to respond to chemical based incidents at one of these three levels:

**Level One** - Single resource response - this is usually a request for a spill trailer to assist a community in containing an unplanned fixed volume hydrocarbon release. A technical team leader will respond with the dispatched resource.

## REPORT OF THE HAZARDOUS MATERIAL MUTUAL AID (HAZMAT) DISTRICT

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**Level Two** - Team leader response - this is a request by a community for a team leader response to a community to assist in the disposition of an incident involving a known or unknown chemical. This response consists of the entry/command trailer and two team leaders. It is sometimes supplemented by a small group of support technicians.

**Level Three** - Full team response - this is the response of the whole District team including all personnel and mobile equipment.

In calendar year 2006, the Team responded to 10 Level 1 incidents, 2 Level 2 incidents, and 2 Level 3 incidents (Level 3 incidents were in Salem and Pelham).

Prior to being accepted as a member of the technical team, certain prerequisites must be met. They include passing an occupational physical every two years, completing an approved 80-hour technician level course that covers the competencies outline in CFR 29 1910.120 and NFPA 473. Regularly scheduled Team training is held at a minimum 10 months a year with no training in July and August. Typically, training is the third Wednesday of the month with a 9AM start time and with the training lasting usually four to seven hours. Personnel are required to attend a minimum of 70% of the scheduled training.

Each team member is expected to promptly respond to every team request they are available for; and, once on scene, to fulfill the duties of their position with a sense of duty and responsibility. Team members are expected to positively promote the Team's image as well as its mission of responding to unplanned chemical releases in a manner that minimizes their impact on the citizens and communities within the District.

### **Training Overview**

Training continues to be a top priority for the Southeastern NH HAZMAT Team. The team continues to train in the areas of transportation and fixed facility emergencies, weapons of mass destruction, clandestine drug labs and confined space rescue.

The HAZMAT district has also assisted member communities with planning for Homeland Security training exercises, and provided HAZMAT refresher training. Please visit the district web site for a full training schedule, list of events and information [www.senhazmat.org](http://www.senhazmat.org).

Respectfully submitted,

*Martin N. Bove*

Chairman, Board of Directors

*Michael W. Carrier*

Chairman, Operations Committee



## REPORT OF THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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*"Health care matters to all of us some of the time, public health matters to all of us all of the time."*

C. Everett Koop, former Surgeon General of the United States

It has been said that our most important asset is good health. The Plaistow Health Department works in a partnership with you, your family and our community to protect that vital asset.

The core functions of Public Health are:

1. Preventing epidemics and the spread of disease
2. Protecting against environmental hazards
3. Preventing injuries
4. Promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors
5. Responding to disasters and assisting in recovery
6. Assuring the quality and accessibility of health services

### **Preventing epidemics and the spread of disease: *Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and West Nile Virus (WNV)***

In 2006, the Plaistow Health Department developed a comprehensive mosquito control plan based on the State of New Hampshire's Arboviral Illness, Surveillance, Prevention and Response Plan. The purpose of this plan is to reduce or eliminate the incidence of arboviral disease through education and outreach to the public regarding the need for prevention and explaining how they can protect themselves from diseases such as EEE and WNV. The plan was submitted to the NH Department of Health and Human Services and approved. The approval of this plan enabled the town to apply for and receive financial assistance for mosquito control activities in the amount of \$3,525.00.

For the 2006 season, 36 dead birds were reported; eight were submitted for testing and were negative. 104 mosquito pools were submitted for disease testing and one was positive for EEE.

### **Protecting against environment hazards: *Public Protection from Foodborne Illness and Disease***

Plaistow is one of 15 self-inspecting towns/cities in the state. This means that we have the authority to license and inspect all food service establishments and retail food stores to ensure that food is prepared under safe and healthy conditions. Plaistow currently has 58 licensed food establishments and several new establishments that are still under construction.

### **Preventing injuries: *Inform, Educate and Empower***

The Plaistow Health Department provides accessible health information resources on a variety of topics geared towards the prevention of intentional and unintentional injuries. These topics include preventing medication errors, poison information and prevention, health & safety information on household products, tick control, food safety tips, lead poisoning prevention and much more. Check our website often for current information, [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com), Health.



### **Promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors: *Common Sense Approach***

A primary focus this past year has been on promoting and encouraging handwashing and proper cough and sneeze etiquette. Using educational materials, demonstrations and videos, the hope is to increase awareness about the benefits of handwashing, and sneezing and coughing correctly to improve the health of individuals. Do you know the correct procedure to wash your hands and how long you should wash to effectively kill germs? Have you adopted the safe technique for coughing and sneezing? Contact the Health Department for further discussion!!

### **Responding to disaster and assist in recovery: *Emergency Planning and Preparedness***

The Plaistow Health Department is actively involved in emergency planning and preparedness activities. Disasters and emergencies are inevitable, so planning for those emergencies and creating a family emergency plan, and making an emergency supply kit is very important. Currently, emergency planning across the country is focusing on responding to a pandemic. Plaistow is participating in a regional effort to develop a comprehensive regional pandemic response plan. By working together as a region, we can pool our resources and government funding for pandemic preparedness. The priority for our region is to provide essential public health services during a public health emergency. Visit [www.ready.gov/](http://www.ready.gov/) for additional planning advice for families and businesses.

### **Assuring the quality and accessibility of health Services: *Developing Regional Public Health Capacities***

The practice of public health at local, state and federal levels is defined by *Ten Essential Public Health Services*. In order to implement these Essential Services, public health partners must work together to maximize resources, capabilities and strengths. This collaboration will improve the conditions that result in improved health and hopefully engage residents to improve their personal health and the health of their community.

Respectfully submitted,

*Dennise Horrocks*

Plaistow Health Officer



Insect treatments provide peace of mind for summer concert goers.

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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The Plaistow Highway Department went through some changes in 2006. The Highway Department had Glen Peabody, a 17 year veteran, resign. Thank you, Glen, for all your dedicated years of service to the Town. C-Ya around. Following Glen's departure, we promoted Dana Rabito to the Foreman position, moved Aaron Shea to first laborer's position and hired Andy Jones as our second laborer. As in the past, this group of men and I will continue to work very hard to keep the streets of Plaistow safe. Obviously, we can't do it all in house so we rely heavily on a group of outside contractors to assist us in seeing the larger projects through. Below I will mention some of the projects completed in 2006.

The winter of 2005-2006 definitely can't be compared to the year before, but it surely started off with a "Doozy". On December 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of 2005, we had the most intense rate of snow per hour storm I have seen in my 20 years. We had snow rates of 4-6" of snow per hour with a total accumulation of 17". This storm made even the most experienced plow operators a little nervous. Following that we had a few small storms of snow and ice to end out 2005. In 2006, we started New Years Day with a long and drawn out 3" storm, followed by a 2" storm a day later, and followed by a 2" storm a day after that. Then we had a couple back to back storms on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> that collectively added up to almost 10". Then we were quiet until February 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> when a blizzard hit us. The storm consisted of 13" of heavy wet snow accompanied by very gusty winds and low temperatures. Then, believe it or not, our final storm came with a 6" snow storm on February 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Even as easy this winter might seem, it takes a lot of dedication and commitment from all our outside contractors and especially from my men and their families, as they give up a lot of family functions to make Plaistow's roads safe to travel. Thanks to all the residents for their patience with road conditions and thanks to the Selectmen and Town Manager for their continued guidance and support throughout each storm event.

In early May we hired F.B. Hale (Hudson, NH) to sweep all Town roads and parking lots. We had just started when "Mother Nature" unloaded days of flooding rains on us. The department was very busy cleaning catch basin covers almost daily. Cleaning the covers off is being proactive and not reactive. This prevented us from having drastic washouts and road closures caused from clogged catch basins. The Town of Plaistow prevailed very well compared to surrounding towns. The Town did receive some FEMA money for roadside restitution. We finished the sweeping the second week of June.

Once we finished sweeping, we hired L&D Safety Marking (Barre, VT) to come into Town to re-establish all the centerlines & fog lines on various streets. We also had Tri State Striping (Greenland, NH) repaint the stop bars at all Town controlled intersections.

Throughout this same period and beyond, the highway personnel spent numerous hours cutting and trimming road side brush. This is done to maintain the safest possible sight distance at intersections and is also done around a lot of the road signs to keep the signs visible.

Thank you to the voters for passing the warrant article supporting the road resurfacing projects. This made it possible to resurface 11 roads. This is one step in moving forward with the Town's RSMS Plan which we upgraded in 2006.

## REPORT OF THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

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This plan is to spend the same amount of money on roads each year so that their condition doesn't reach a point that would cost almost twice as much to repair them. We plan to take another step in the plan in 2007.

In October, the Town hired Al Hoyt & Sons, Inc., (Plaistow, NH) to install some much needed drainage structures and piping on Kimball Avenue and Pine View Avenue. These drainage projects have always been important to me because water that sits in or near the roads has a negative effect on the condition of the road base which directly affects the surface of the road. We also hired R.J. Barrett (Westford, MA) to clean 454 of the Town-maintained catch basins. This is important because it removes year's worth of leaves, sand and other debris so that the drainage system works to its potential during rainfall events. It also allows us to inspect the catch basins so they can be repaired before they get to a point when they will fall in completely. The Highway Department repaired ten catch basins during the course of the year.

There are day to day tasks that the Highway Department do like sign work, cold patch, vehicle maintenance, cemetery work, directing traffic, sweeping intersections, checking catch basin covers, removing storm damage and lots of others that really use in-house man hours.

In closing, I would again like to take the time to express my sincere thanks to the residents of Plaistow for supporting us, all my contractors, the Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, my men and, probably most of all the families of my men because quite often they are the ones that pay the most for the fact that the Highway Department is on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year for an emergency. The partnership that existed with all the people mentioned above is what is necessary in making Plaistow a safe and pleasurable place to live or visit.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Daniel P. Garlington*  
Highway Supervisor





## HIGHWAY VEHICLE REPLACEMENT PLAN

The CIP Committee, working with the Highway Supervisor, developed this table in 2003. It shows all of the current highway vehicles with their estimated replacement cost, estimated useful life, replacement schedule and total estimated replacement costs for the next 10 years. Dividing the total replacement costs by 10, projects the average annual cost to be \$59,000. With the goal of developing a CIP Plan that levels the annual capital costs, the CIP Committee has placed \$59,000 in the CIP plan each year for the replacement of highway vehicles. The Board of Selectmen agrees and is proposing Warrant Article P-24 to support this plan. Spending money from this fund requires the vote of the people.

Using this same data, we can project the Cash Flow for the proposed "Purchase of Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund."

### HIGHWAY VEHICLE PROJECTED REPLACEMENT COSTS

Highway Vehicle	Estimated Replacement Cost	Estimated Life	1st Replacement Year	2nd Replacement Year	3rd Replacement Year	Times Replaced 2004-2013	Total Projected Replacement Cost 2004-2013
Ton Truck '04	\$60000	7 years	2011	2018	2025	2	\$120,000
Pick-up '05	\$40000	7 years	2012	2019	2026	2	\$80,000
Dump Truck '99	\$100000	8 years	2007	2015	2022	1	\$100,000
Dump Truck '00	\$100000	9 years	2009	2018	2027	1	\$100,000
Loader '01	\$120000	15 years	2013	2028	2043	1	\$120,000
Backhoe '87	\$70000	20 years	2010	2030	2050	1	\$70,000
♦Total Cost 2004 – 2013: \$590,000							
♦Projected Cost/Year: \$59,000							

### PROJECTED CASH FLOW (After Moving Loader Replacement from 2013 to 2015)

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
Revenue	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000
Expense		\$100,000		\$100,000	\$70,000
Balance	\$59,000	\$18,000	\$77,000	\$36,000	\$25,000

### PROJECTED CASH FLOW (After Moving Loader Replacement from 2013 to 2015)

Year	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Revenue	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000	\$59,000
Expense	\$60,000	\$40,000			\$220,000
Balance	\$24,000	\$43,000	\$102,000	\$161,000	\$0.00



## REPORT OF THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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One of the stated purposes of the Plaistow Historical Society is "to encourage the recording, preservation and presentation of the history of the Plaistow area." We have always attempted to provide that community service and it is becoming even more of a focus each year.

The members work throughout the year on the preservation of photographs of Plaistow people and landscapes and on the preservation of Plaistow artifacts and records and the subsequent display of these photos to residents requesting information. Some also work on the presentation of local history to Pollard school students and Timberlane Regional High School students. Others have shown and explained local history to researchers working on environmental studies for road and bridge construction in Town. We also assist family history researchers.

Our business meetings are held monthly from March to November but members are encouraged to work at the museum weekly on Thursday mornings. We urge anyone interested in Plaistow history to come join us for a few of these mornings at 9:30 to noon and you may find that you would like to make it a pleasant habit as several who have become members. What we still need, however, are people (members). Please consider joining us.

This year we have put up a website which has changing information each month. Its address is [www.plaistowhistorical.org](http://www.plaistowhistorical.org). This is another vehicle for "presentation of history" of the Town. We are fortunate to have a competent webmaster among our members. We thank the Plaistow Public Library for hosting our website.

We opened the museum to the public on Wednesday evenings last summer and Sunday afternoons during the autumn. There were always one or more members present to explain displays and answer questions.

The only current fund raising activities each year are on Old Home Day with the income from vendor space rentals and staffing a tent where baked goods and publications are sold and historical information is freely dispensed.

With this limited income it is obvious that we depend on generous donations of equipment to maintain a modern record keeping and storage system. This year we have been fortunate to receive custom software, a folding table, answering machine, computer equipment, file cabinets, storage racks from businesses that employ our members. In addition to these items several members have donated storage materials.

**The Society regrets to report that Gordon B. Sykes died unexpectedly on the fourteenth of December 2006 in Florida.**

Respectfully submitted,

*Alden J. Palmer*

Historical Society Member

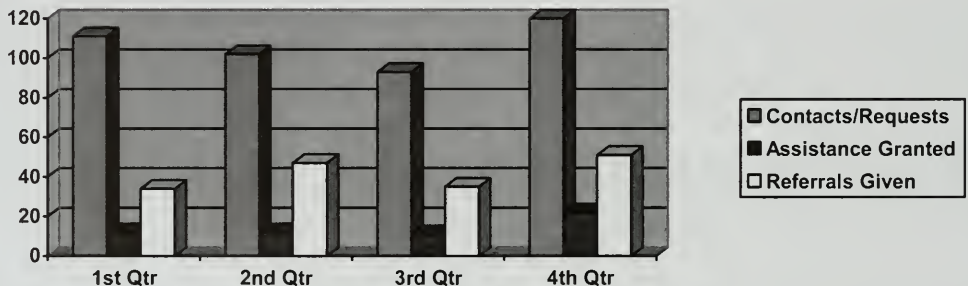
## REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Plaistow Human Services Department administers the Town's general assistance program and serves as a resource for all residents seeking assistance with the essential provisions of life. New Hampshire's local assistance program is outlined in RSA 165:1. The purpose of this program is to ensure that individuals do not end up on the street, without heat, lights or food. The basic formula that Human Services Coordinators use is: basic need - income/available assets = the amount of assistance.

The Board of Selectmen approved the Human Services Department Guidelines each year, most recently on October 23, 2006. This is important, because a lack of guidelines can create misunderstanding in decisions rendered and cultivate artificially low allowable levels of assistance. The guidelines exist to prevent arbitrary decisions, yet remain flexible so that special needs, such as medical situations, are considered. Plaistow has determined allowable levels through researching the United States Department of Agriculture allotment chart, New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority Monthly Median Gross Rental calculations, Unital general service rates and the New Hampshire Office of Energy and Planning fuel prices.

It has been an active year for the Human Services Department assisting residents. Requests for financial assistance continue to increase, with support provided for rent, heat, electric, food and other basic maintenance needs. In 2006, 426 residents made contact with the Human Services Department, 57 were granted assistance and 167 were referred to public and private agencies for assistance.

### SUMMARY OF ASSISTANCE



The cost of living in Southern New Hampshire continues to rise. The New Hampshire Housing Finance Authority reports that Rockingham County has the highest monthly median Gross Rental Costs in the State. A family of four living in Plaistow, in a three bedroom apartment, could expect the following monthly bills **before** car payments, insurance, health care and general household expenses are added:

Food:	\$ 506.00
Shelter:	\$1,430.00
Electric:	\$ 95.19
Oil Heat:	<u>\$ 314.85</u>
Total:	\$2,346.04

## REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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The NH Occupational Employment & Wages Survey reports that the Exeter/Seabrook area median wage is \$14.51 per hour. When both adults in the household are employed, this family is making \$4,720 per month. If someone falls ill and is unable to work, this same family is reduced to an income of \$2,360 and is barely able to cover the basic necessities.

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Part of my job as your Human Services Coordinator is to recover money expended to assist eligible residents. When a resident meets the criteria for assistance and owns real estate, the law requires the Town place a lien in the amount of the assistance granted on real estate owned by the person. I am pleased to report, \$13,624.44 was returned to the Town in 2006. This was accomplished by the hard work of residents returning to an income status that supports their allowed expenses and in many cases by referrals to agencies assisting in household budgeting, refinancing and the USDA Rural Development Program.

In addition to administering the general assistance budget, I oversee annual Town contributions to area organizations. These organizations are a valuable asset to all residents in Plaistow. Many of these organizations offer free or income-based services. Each agency is asked to submit an application for review in the fall. Through this multi-question application and personal interaction, I determine my recommendation to continue, increase or decrease funding. The services provided by these organizations are available to all residents.

### **TOWN FUNDED ORGANIZATIONS**

<b><i>Organization</i></b>	<b><i>Specialty</i></b>	<b><i>Phone Number</i></b>
A Safe Place	Domestic Violence	(800) 852-3388
Center for Life Management	Mental Health	(603) 893-3548
Child Advocacy Center	Safe Child Abuse Evaluation	(800) 894-5533
Community Health Services	Medical/Prescription Services	(603) 425-2545
Family Mediation	Youth & Family Resources	(603) 362-9957
Regional Transportation Council / CART	All Needs Transportation	(603) 434-3569
Salem Caregivers	Elderly/Disabled Services	(603) 898-2850
Lamprey Health Care	Medical/Transportation Services	(603) 659-2424
Pregnancy Care Center	Crisis Pregnancy Services	(978) 373-5700
Retired Senior Volunteer	Age +55 Transportation	(603) 436-4310
VNA & Hospice	Community Based Health Care	(603) 772-2981
Community Action Program	General Assistance	(603) 893-9172
Sad Café	Adolescent Programming	(603) 382-8893
SeaCare Health	Affordable Health Care	(603) 772-8119
Sexual Assault Support Services	24-hour Crisis Hotline	(603) 436-4107
Vic Geary Center	Senior Citizen Activities	(603) 382-5995



## REPORT OF THE HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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In closing, I would like to offer my gratitude to the many organizations and volunteers who offer their time and assistance to this office throughout the year. The continued effort of the Holy Angels Food Pantry is an invaluable resource to Plaistow. Through this group, residents are able to lower their household food bills and receive food baskets and gifts during the holiday season. The Plaistow Lions Club once again ensured that the children of Plaistow enjoyed summer recreation trips, back-to-school footwear and holiday gifts. Our Lions are a dedicated group that participates financially, as well as physically, when the call for service is issued. This group of men continues to surpass my expectations and is a valuable asset to this Community. Ronald Reagan said, "No matter how big and powerful government gets, and the many services it provides, it can never take the place of volunteers." To the many anonymous volunteers who impact the lives of Plaistow residents, I extend my appreciation. Without each of you and the work you accomplish, the services offered by this department would be limited.

Respectfully submitted,

*Nicole Carr*

Human Services Coordinator



Plaistow children donate their pennies to Lion's Club gift fund.

## REPORT OF THE MOSQUITO CONTROL AGENCY

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The 2006 mosquito season was certainly unusual. Spring began with drought conditions and ended with flood conditions where precipitation was measured in feet instead of inches. All that rain helped species of mosquitoes that transmit **Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE)** to thrive, while other species were washed away. Most EEE activity appears to have been in Rockingham County, although the disease was detected in Hillsborough County and Strafford County.

In 2006, EEE was found in 40 mosquito samples, five birds and one horse throughout 23 New Hampshire towns. Locally, mosquitoes collected in Plaistow at the end of August tested positive for EEE. To date, thirteen species of mosquitoes found in New Hampshire are known carriers of EEE and/or West Nile Virus.

The proposed 2007 Mosquito Control plan for Plaistow includes trapping mosquitoes for disease testing, sampling wetlands for larval mosquito activity, larviciding where mosquito larvae are found and emergency spraying when a public health threat exists. The control program begins in April, when mosquito larvae are located in stagnant water such as swamps, ditches and woodland pools. Trapping adult mosquitoes for disease testing begins in June. The mosquito control program ends in late September or early October, when temperatures drop and daylight diminishes.

Homeowners can reduce the number of mosquitoes in their yards by emptying any outdoor containers that hold standing water, such as buckets, trash barrels and boats. Tires collect enough water for mosquitoes to survive. It is also a good idea to change the water in bird baths every two to three days.

If you **do not** want your property to be treated for mosquitoes, then a **written request is needed**. Please send a letter to Dragon Mosquito Control, P.O. Box 46, Stratham, NH 03885. Be sure to include your name, physical address, phone number and a description of your property and its boundaries. Otherwise, your property may be treated. Our phone number is 964-8400. You may call our office for assistance regarding mosquitoes, insecticides we use, treatment dates or questions regarding West Nile Virus or EEE.

For more information on Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile Virus, visit the NH Department of Health and Human Services online at [www.dhhs.nh.gov](http://www.dhhs.nh.gov) or the Centers for Disease Control at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Respectfully submitted,

*Sarah MacGregor*

President Dragon Mosquito Control, Inc.

## REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

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Community is defined as, "an interacting population of various kinds of individuals in a common area." This clearly defines Plaistow.

Community is also defined as, "a body of persons having common social, economic, and political interests." The Plaistow Municipal Budget Committee is elected to represent those interests on behalf of the citizens of Plaistow with respect to the town finances.

The Committee is one part of a larger Plaistow government. All members of area government are elected/appointed with one collective purpose: to epitomize those widespread values of the Plaistow community. Unfortunately, some members of government occasionally lose sight of why they are involved in public affairs and begin to narrowly define community. There were times this past year when it may have appeared that discussions at Budget Committee meetings were headed in that adverse direction. Fortunately, this year's Budget Committee consisted of members who were willing to discuss and debate potentially volatile issues in a respectful manner, and who agreed it was acceptable to disagree without losing perspective of the common goal: to represent the community as a whole.

As Chairman, I am proud to state that the efforts of the Committee over this past budget season have resulted in the Committee putting forward for consideration one of the best budgets seen in years. The proposed budget of \$6,718,346 can be found in the 2007 Plaistow Town Warrant as Article P-07-02 and further explained on the MS-7 State Reporting Form that can also be found in this Town Report. This proposal is \$40,736 more than last year's approved operating costs of \$6,677,610, which translates to less than a one percent (0.61%) increase. Further, if anticipated revenue for 2007 is factored in, the amount to be raised from taxes in 2007 actually *decreases* by \$112,046 from the amount that was raised in 2006.

In a year when most every Plaistow resident saw their tax bill rise, it must be reiterated that the town budget is only a fraction of your tax bill. Current tax bills are calculated such that the municipal tax portion is 23%, state and county taxes total 20% and the school tax is the majority at 57%. These percentages do not make it easier for a taxpayer to vote for any type of tax boost. However, in order for Plaistow to keep thriving and providing the quality services for its population, increases must occur annually. The Committee's oversight of the Town's spending for the previous and current years ensured this year's budget growth would remain reasonable in light of economic factors.

The Committee hopes that you will agree with our conclusion and vote to support Article P-07-02 at the second session of the Town Meeting on Tuesday, March 13, 2007 at the Pollard School.



## REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

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In closing, I would like to thank the members of the Budget Committee for all of their cooperation this past budget season as we implemented revisions to the budget process and formatting. These were positive changes that required some adjustments, and were a direct result of the management style of our new Town Manager, Jason Hoch. It is the majority belief that these modifications have made and will continue to make a resilient process and Committee even better equipped to serve the community of Plaistow.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kristin E. Lewis Savage*

Chairman



Chairman Kristin Lewis Savage's son enjoys face painting at the Pumpkin Festival.

## REPORT OF THE OLD HOME DAY COMMITTEE

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The Old Home Day Committee went through a number of changes from 2005 into 2006. There were six new citizens that stepped forward to volunteer their time as committee members. In November of 2005, I stepped forward to volunteer to chair the committee. Since that time Barry Weymouth agreed to be vice-chair, Sara and Wendy Bush volunteered to assure that the baby contest would be a success, and Dennis Marcotte and Tami Smith volunteered to a number of tasks. Members that continued on the committee were Ernie Sheltry, Jim Robinson and Marilyn Senter. The committee of volunteers agreed upon its function, which is to coordinate the day's events and not do the work of organizations that wish to participate.

When I volunteered to chair the committee, I stated that my only concern was that people could have a day of events that they could enjoy and the events were held safely. I also made it clear very early on that the volunteers on the Old Home Day Committee were not going to overburden themselves. Therefore, a number of events were not held as no one stepped forward to coordinate those events despite numerous attempts to reach out to individuals and organizations.

Unfortunately, we had to make a number of decisions the day before and on Old Home Day because of Mother Nature. We were extremely disappointed that we had to cancel the carousel. After much discussion, if we had the carousel set up and we could not operate it because of the rain, the town would have to pay for the entire amount of the contract. Also, we were upset that we had to cancel the parade. Again, there were thunderstorms predicted and for safety and financial reasons the committee felt it was in the best interest of all to cancel the parade. The call has to be made early in the day. Despite the inclement weather the fireworks went off without a hitch.

The committee is looking forward to a better 2007 celebration and encourages individuals and organizations to become involved. We are currently looking at adding some new items and have discussed expanding the event to more than one location and over more than one day.

The Old Home Day Committee meets January through June on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in Town Hall. The public is always welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

*Brian A. Levasseur, Ed.D.*

Chairman

The Plaistow Area Transit Advisory Committee was formed as a grass roots organization in 1990 with charter members from Plaistow and all surrounding towns as well as representatives from Rockingham Planning Commission, NH State Department of transportation officials, and local transit companies. A 3-phase goal was established to create a Park and Ride lot at Westville Rd and Route 125, establish Plaistow to Boston express commuter bus service and extend the MBTA rail service from Haverhill to Plaistow. The 1<sup>st</sup> 2 goals were obtained in the mid 1990s and the 3<sup>rd</sup> goal is still on hold. A Congestion Mitigation Air Quality (CMAQ) grant was obtained by PATAC to help fund the MBTA station. This grant of federal money was later modified such that it could be used to fund a Plaistow train station for either an MBTA stop or an AMTRAK Downeaster stop.

Downeaster Update: The double track upgrades needed in order to add a 5<sup>th</sup> round trip train will be completed in 2007 with the 5<sup>th</sup> train to follow shortly thereafter. Starting in December of 2005, a 5<sup>th</sup> daily round trip between Portland and Boston was added; however, it is being provided by bus rather than train. The Downeaster train continues to be number 1 or 2 in the nation for on-time arrivals (> 95%). It also has the top rating from passengers regarding on-train services and in 2006 had the highest percentage of increased rider ship of all AMTRAK trains in the nation.

Maine continues to support and plan for an extension of the train service from Portland to Freeport and Brunswick. This may be provided by AMTRAK or another private railroad. Long range plans are also underway to extend the train service to Lewiston, Augusta, Bangor and beyond to ultimately link up with Canadian train service in New Brunswick and Quebec.

NH Rail Update: Work continues on the extension of MBTA commuter service from Lowell to Nashua, NH. Once this service is established, the doors are opened for further extensions to Manchester and Concord. Other MBTA extensions that have been talked about include a Lawrence to Salem extension and of course our own Haverhill to Plaistow extension. There are no firm dates for any NH extensions of MBTA service to Boston.

Route 125 Update: In 2007 we should finally see work being done on Route 125 including signalization at an alignment with Hazeltine Street the State Line shopping plaza, and Route 125. Route 125 will be widened in the area from Wentworth Avenue south to the Great Elm and Market Basket/Kohls shopping centers. A dedicated left-turn lane will also be constructed at the entrance to the Market Basket/Kohls shopping center. The intersection of Old County Rd and Route 125 is also scheduled to be widened and signalized.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Timothy Moore*

Chairman



The Plaistow Planning Board, established in 1956, is comprised of five members – four elected citizens and one Selectmen's representative. The Planning Board is an important municipal board that is charged with review and approval of residential and commercial development including site and subdivision plan reviews, lot line adjustments and land use regulations development and revision.

The Planning Board is also responsible for maintaining the town's Capital Improvement Program, Master Plan, Site and Subdivision Regulations, Zoning Ordinance and all plans and records associated with development in Plaistow, NH.

Planning Board staff is available to assist applicants and land use consultants throughout the planning review process and encourages preliminary and on-going consultation to help the process proceed smoothly and efficiently.

For 2006, the Town's theme is "Service to Our Community." During 2006, the Planning Board completed a Build-Out Analysis that will allow Town officials to better understand the Town's growth potential and what new or additional community services will be needed to accommodate the growth. Build-out refers to the time and circumstances at which an area can no longer accommodate more growth given a certain set of growth restraints. One of the major products of this build out is an Excel spreadsheet with the current building potential for each parcel. Overall, the results of this study showed that there is still room for 1,162 residential units and 785 new non-residential units in Plaistow.

During 2006, the Planning Board reviewed and approved numerous subdivision, site plans and minor site plan applications. Highlights include:

- ❖ Lot line adjustment and easement relocation off of Hillcrest Avenue;
- ❖ Numerous condominium conversion plans;
- ❖ Major redevelopment of the Stateline Plaza;
- ❖ Retail development at intersection of Main Street and Walton Road;
- ❖ Proposed reuse of Chart Site at 144 Main Street;
- ❖ Amendment to a 15-Lot subdivision;
- ❖ Numerous discussions on various proposed Elderly Housing projects;
- ❖ Reuse of a vacant building in the "Village Center;"
- ❖ Ongoing 8-Lot Industrial Subdivision;
- ❖ Site plan for the new location of Recesso Therapy on Garden Road;
- ❖ An industrial site plan for contractor units off Westville Road;
- ❖ Discussion regarding a Cell Tower off of North Main Street;
- ❖ Occupancy by a gym of an existing industrial building at 95A Plaistow Road;
- ❖ An addition to an existing business known as "Seacoast Tent"; and
- ❖ Various minor site plans.

Also during 2006, Planning Board proposed numerous Master Plan, Zoning and Regulation amendments, including updates to the Population and Housing Chapter. The Board spent considerable time on rewriting the Adult Elderly Housing Ordinance (AEHC), developed a Village Center District overlay zone, a new Residential Conservation Zone. Of significance, the Planning Board proposed rezoning so that the CI and CII zone lines correspond to parcel lines.

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## REPORT OF THE PLANNING DEPARTMENT

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The Town completed work on the Haverhill/Plaistow Route 125 Study Committee by selecting an alternative for the proposed signalization of Cushing Avenue and/or the State Line Plaza to help alleviate hazardous traffic conditions in this portion of Route 125. This will be constructed as a part of the major redevelopment of the Stateline Plaza which is currently underway.

The Planning Board meets the first and third Wednesdays of the month. If you are interested in becoming an alternate, please feel free to contact Leigh Komornick in the Planning Office at 382-7371, Ext. 14 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Or, visit her upstairs in the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

*Leigh G. Komornick*

Planning Coordinator



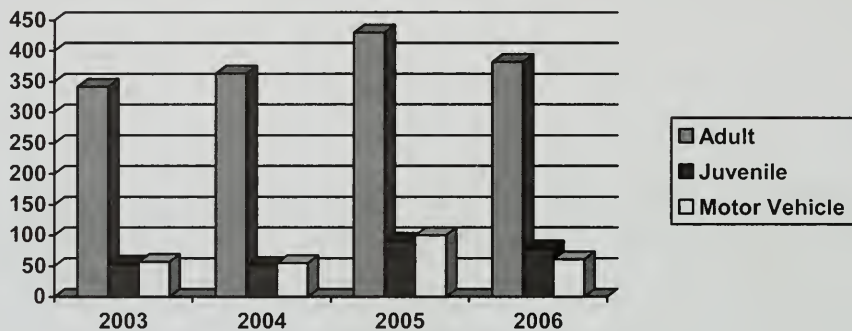
Front: Barry Weymouth, Michelle Curran, Tim Moore, Bob Zukas  
Back: Mike Dorman, Leigh Komornick, Steve Ranlett

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

During 2006, the Department completed its firearms transitioning plan, rotation of computer hardware, upgrading of Job Descriptions, installation of a one-bay storage garage, and re-creation of a Motorcycle Program with five (5) trained Officers. We refocused on the planned expansion of the Safety Complex by hiring an engineering firm to complete a site plan with the assistance of HKT Architects and by hiring a wetlands company to identify those site conditions. The Department also made significant changes and additions to our website link to keep our readers better informed.

Assistant County Attorney Jill Cook, our tenacious regional Prosecutor, has logged 510 cases with 836 charges for Plaistow alone. Thorough and demanding, Assistant County Attorney Cook has proven to be an extremely effective prosecutor and represents her point of the criminal justice system exceedingly well.

### 4 YEAR ARREST COMPARISON



### Crime Statistics for 2006

Murder/Manslaughter	0
Burglary	42
Theft/Robbery	283
Motor Vehicle Theft	40
Criminal Mischief	190
DWI	48
Motor Vehicle Accidents	467
Alarms (Police)	802
Assaults	68
Sexual Assaults	17
Traffic Citations	650
Motor Vehicle Stops	2,973
Domestic Calls	84

Our Victim Witness Advocate April Aucoin, fulfills a regional role at Plaistow District Court for not only Plaistow, but Kingston, Newton, Atkinson, Danville and Hampstead as well.

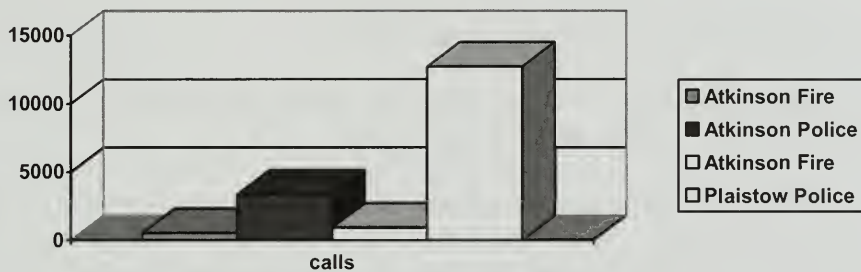


## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

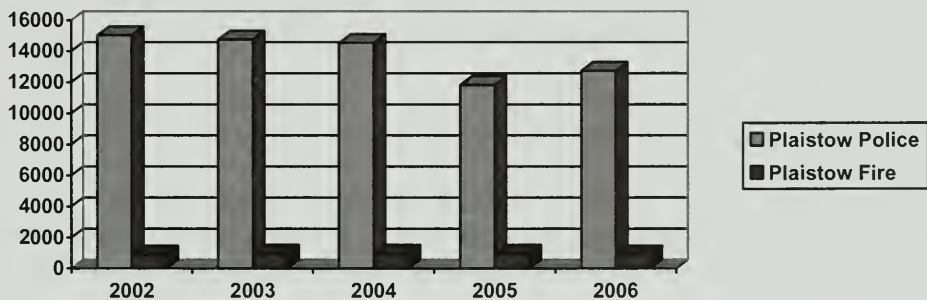
Supported by a Federal Grant, the Advocate position has become hugely successful by supporting our full-time prosecutor, Assistant County Attorney Jill Cook. She has handled 445 clients this past year, 185 for Plaistow by offering support to victims of domestic violence in court, preparing them for court, notifying witnesses, making referrals and collecting restitution.

Our Communications Center, led by Communications Supervisor Lucia Theberge and staffed by 6 additional full and part time dispatchers, is the nerve-center for emergency services for Plaistow and Atkinson, 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Their statistics are provided as follows:

### 2006 CALLS FOR SERVICE



The calls for service over the past five years are:



Our Special Investigations Unit (S.I.U.), staffed by veteran Sergeant Patrick Caggiano and Detective Dorothy McGurren (who replaced newly promoted Sergeant Glenn Miller) has become our "crown jewel" largely because of their extraordinary skills, talent, and teamwork. During 2006, the Unit received an Operation Street Sweeper Grant from the United States Attorney's Office in the amount of \$8,418.93, which was used for specialized investigative equipment. The Unit registered 7 sex offenders, monitors daily activities of 8 licensed Second Hand Dealers, and processed over 10,000 pawn transactions.

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The following is a breakdown of some of their cases:

<b>S.I.U Cases</b>	<b>January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2006</b>
Assaults/Sexual Assault	5
Burglary/Robbery	17
Theft/Receiving Stolen Property	70
Fraud	9
Drug	7

They have introduced a "Hot Sheet" item on the Police Department's link to the Town's website, alerting residents and readers to significant events occurring in Plaistow. Some of the year's highlights included:

- A.) Investigation of a burglary at a local gas station two nights in a row resulting in felony indictments of the perpetrators;
- B.) Investigation of an armed robbery at another gas station resulting in issuance of an arrest warrant for the perpetrator;
- C.) Investigation of numerous cases that involved the recovery of unprecedented amount of stolen items including lawn maintenance equipment, computers and entertainment equipment with an estimated value of over \$50,000. 90% of these cases were from burglaries occurring in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine;
- D.) Investigation of numerous embezzlement cases resulting in over \$60,000 in losses with arrest warrants issued; and
- E.) Assisted with over 700 telephone calls from other agencies seeking some form of assistance and/or information.

The Unit continues to aggressively pursue drug investigations involving the D.E.A., various local Massachusetts and New Hampshire Police Departments, and Massachusetts and New Hampshire State Police relating to heroin, cocaine, marijuana and "designer" drugs.

The training component is essential to an effective Department and in our case, is directly coordinated by Deputy Chief Kathleen Jones. She has reported a total of 1,460 man hours committed to this endeavor by Officers and other staff members. Examples of training courses taken include:

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Active Shooter	IS-700 Intro to NIMS
Critical Incident Management/NIMS	Handgun/Rifle Qualifications
AED/CPR Re-Certification	Shotgun Familiarization/Qualifications
Dim Light Shooting	Primex-LE Symposium II
Microsystems Training	Management/Supervisor Training
OC Instructor Re-Certification	Intoxilyzer Re-Certification
Rules of Evidence	SPOTS
Drugs	NESPIN Annual Conference
Undercover Operations	Firearm Skill Builder
Firearms Instructor Re-Certification	Command Training – 1 <sup>st</sup> Line Supervisor
HGN/SFST	Terrorism
Advanced Report Writing	Motorcycle Officer
DARE	Breathalyzer Test Operator
Ground Fighting Techniques	School Violence
Basic Dispatch School	Basic Prosecutor
State Conference Domestic	Interviews and Interrogations
Violence	
Identity Theft	Department In-Service
Conflict Management Skills	Domestic Violence
Microsoft Excel	Conducting Employee Performance
	Evaluations
Excelling as a 1 <sup>st</sup> Time Supervisor	Personnel & Human Resource Assistants

Master Police Officer Alec Porter and his K-9 partner, Stryker, were deployed 55 times during the year involving building & area searches, drug searches and tracking. Their deployments underscore the importance of the Department's K-9 team. In the new year, planning will commence for the acquisition of a new replacement dog anticipating Stryker's (8 years old) retirement.

Our School Resource Officer Program, with Officer Joan Marsilia, has continued to be a success story at Timberlane Regional High School. She has blended so well into the educational environment that she is routinely looked upon as just another valuable staff member. The Timberlane Regional campus houses approximately 3,000 students, staff, visitors and so forth on a daily basis which has created a need for a Middle School SRO which is budgeted in FY 2007.

In conclusion, as a department, we are hard at work at upgrading our manuals anticipating an application in January 2007 for State accreditation, finalizing a Safety Complex Expansion site plan, attempting to site a new District Court building and daily adjusting to the growth of our community and those around us. It is, however, important that we daily recognize that the Town's biggest investment is in its devoted police employees, many of whom have been with us for years.



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Their contributions are an accurate barometer of the quality of life in Plaistow.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen C. Savage*

Chief of Police

"We are compensated not for what we do daily, but for what we are prepared to do each day."

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of the Plaistow Police Department is to protect our residents and all those who pass through our Town. This goal will be accomplished by forming and maintaining positive and informative relationships with the community to improve the quality of life and safety for future generations through establishing high standards of impartial and professional law enforcement.

### **CORE VALUES**

#### **PROFESSIONALISM**

- *Dedication*
- *Serving with Pride*
- *Fairness to All*

#### **TEAMWORK**

- *Peers*
- *Community*
- *Positive Approach*

#### **VISION**

- *Learn from the Past*
- *Meet the Present Challenge*
- *Plan for the Future*

The library had a very active and focused year in 2006. One of the main goals for the year was to reach out and serve, in a variety of ways, as many residents of Plaistow as possible. Of course, the traditional service which involved a visit to the library and selecting a book, magazine or media material from the shelves was always available but the ability to obtain materials was enhanced by the use of interlibrary loans and requests for purchase. There were 1648 materials sent through our state-provided van service, thus allowing patrons the ability to access materials not available at the library. Downloadable audio books were provided to the visually impaired through the New Hampshire Talking Book Service and we increased our purchases of audio books on CD for those patrons who prefer to listen rather than read books. Several information sources were also available on the library website [www.plaistowlibrary.com](http://www.plaistowlibrary.com) as well as the library catalog with the ability to view materials currently checked out and to reserve materials listed in the catalog but immediately available.

The library had passes for nine area museums available for public use through the generosity of the Friends of the Library. New online reservation software for the museum passes was implemented in February thus giving the public the ability to reserve a pass via the Web. From the convenience of home or the office patrons could now view the availability of all the museum passes, read the specific guidelines of each pass and create an online reservation. New calendar software was also implemented in February allowing patrons to view and sign up for upcoming events from the library website.

As patrons continued to use the fourteen public access computers, it became apparent that there was definitely a need for more advanced technology so new computers were purchased with the ability to provide the additional software requested by the patrons as well as the additional memory needed for current applications. Computer technology has become an integral part of library service with over 9,000 individual uses of library computers during the year. Such uses range from applying for unemployment to applying for a job, emailing a son or daughter in Iraq to emailing an old college roommate, researching a topic on the Internet, to creating a PowerPoint presentation.

Youth services are a vital and extremely active part of library services and span the wide age group of birth to 18 years of age. This past year we had programs, collection development and services for everyone! The library was fortunate enough to receive two grants this year. The first grant was a Welcome Baby Project grant from the NH Verizon Reads program. This grant provided monies to purchase special bibs, books and materials for babies born to Plaistow parents. We also were able to hold three *Every Child Ready to Read @your library* programs for parents of children birth through age five. The second grant awarded the library with 13 books on "Becoming American." This grant came from the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities as part of their *We the People Bookshelf* program. These books were varied in ages from preschool to young adult and were used during a Book Bunch program for grades 1-3.

Services to youth focused on outreach in a variety of ways this past year. There were readings of the NH Ladybug Picture Book Award nominees to local preschool/kindergartens in the area, as well as to students in grades 1-3 at Pollard School.

## REPORT OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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We began a Book Club for 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Pollard, which is co-chaired with the school librarian, and as mentioned above there is a Book Bunch program for grades 1-3 at the library where we enhance the children's reading with the development of an original play or puppet show. We also started a Middle School Book Club for grades 6-8.

Summer is always the busiest time of the year for the library and the summer of 2006 was no exception. The summer reading program, *Treasure Reading* was a great success with the library serving 234 children over a six-week period. The children read 2,386 books and 52 programs were provided.

I want to thank the dedicated library staff for all their support and hard work during the past year, as they truly are the heart of the library. In addition, I want to thank the Board of Trustees for their guidance and support and all our wonderful patrons for their continued enthusiastic involvement in the library. It was a very productive year and I look forward to another rewarding year in 2007.

### 2006 LIBRARY STATISTICS

#### Materials Purchased:

Adult (includes reference).....	1,235
Juvenile.....	981
Video/DVD.....	133
Audio Books.....	97
CD/Music.....	21

#### Gifts Added To Collection:

Books.....	145
Video/DVD.....	12
Audio Books.....	40
CD/Music.....	37
CD-ROM.....	2

### COLLECTION TOTALS

Video DVDs.....	1,300
Audio Books.....	1,106
Music CDs.....	212
CD ROMs.....	45
Magazine/Newspaper Subscriptions.....	66
Gift Subscriptions.....	6
Materials Lost/Paid.....	36

### STATISTICS

Total Circulation.....	64,240
Registered Patrons.....	4,814
Visits By Patrons.....	44,578
Days Open.....	303

Respectfully submitted,

*Laurie Houlihan*

Library Director



During the year 2006, the Town of Plaistow contracted with Wetlands Preservation, Inc. to flag all wetlands to the rear of the Complex in preparation for future expansion. Additionally, Building Inspector (Committee Member) Michael Dorman and Chief Savage met on site with the State of New Hampshire Environmental Services to discuss removal of the current drainage pond beside the Fire Department. D.E.S. agreed to work with Wetlands Preservation, Inc., and advised that mitigating the pond should pose no problems.

Also, the Town hired S.E. Cummings, Inc., to survey the boundary of the Complex site and to develop a site plan. HKT Architects, Inc., agreed to work with Cummings on future plans. In November, new Town Manager Jason Hoch, Michael Dorman and Chief Savage met with HKT Architects to refocus the thrust of the Committee, to discuss development of a formal building footprint, and to advise that positive discussions were ongoing with the property owner at the rear of the Complex and Cemetery about acquisitions of some abutting property.

It is important to note that all fees for services to date have been or will be paid by Public Safety Complex Impact Fees charged to developers, and not by taxpayers. The meeting concluded with a plan to convene a formal, full committee meeting at the end of this current budget process.

The tentative future plan is to request funding for a full set of architectural drawings in FY2008 and then to request a bond for construction in FY2009 after the last payment on the Library Bond.

Respectfully submitted,

*Stephen C. Savage*

Chairman



Police Chief Stephen C. Savage and Fire Chief John A. McArdle.

## REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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Recreation in Plaistow grew by leaps and bounds in 2006. One of our proudest accomplishments was the beginning of construction on the new recreation fields located on Old County Road. The construction during the summer/fall of 2006 has given us two multi purpose fields, three baseball/softball fields, perimeter and field fencing, electricity, irrigation, a well and pump house. Lots of effort in planning for the future of recreation in Plaistow has gone into this project. Work and planning will continue as we move ahead in the spring. As planned, we have submitted a warrant article to complete the original implementation, including construction of a recreational building, paving and much needed play area. We have overcome many delays (like torrential rain) and we thank the townspeople for their patience. We are eager to complete the final work so that the fields can enjoy one growing season and be ready for use in 2008. For years, we have been short of playing space to accommodate Plaistow's ever-growing population and the popularity of our programs. It will be great to see these new fields in use by our children.

Plaistow Recreation is committed to giving our children the best baseball and softball playing experience available. Our current plan is that Baseball will join the Cal Ripken League and Softball will join the Babe Ruth League. By joining these leagues, the players will have more opportunities for team tournaments, increased access to clinics for learning proper technique, more towns and teams to play, consistent playing rules on the field, training for coaches and a network of services available to our teams. Because they are so popular and because of a lack of playing space, our baseball and softball programs were filled to capacity again this year and we had to limit registrations and turn children away. We hope this problem will be eliminated once the new fields are open.

Once again summer recreation had a great season that was packed full of activities, special events and trips. This program is only as good as the staff. The Plaistow Recreation Summer Program had the best staff to work with our most precious possessions, our children. Thank you, summer staff, for a great job. In 2006 we wanted to teach the children about community awareness and involvement so we added many new activities to our schedule. We had a penny drive to benefit the Lions Club Santa fund, with the children raising over \$175.00. During Arts & Crafts period the children made Happy Summer cards for seniors who receive Meals on Wheels at home. We also had a food drive for Holy Angels Food Pantry where four bins of food were collected. (The Holy Angels Pantry does a wonderful job, but during the summer months they are very short of food.) Each of these activities was a huge success. Due to the increasing fuel costs, we limited our travel to local facilities. Cederdale in Groveland was a nice trip with many options for the children at lower bus costs. The group also traveled to Canobie Lake, Wallis Sands and the movies, a nice air-conditioned break on a hot summer day.

Plaistow's involvement with the Vic Geary Center has evolved into a wonderful partnership for both the town and the Vic Geary Center.

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We are working together with other organizations for the betterment of our senior citizens. Plaistow sponsors Tuesday crafts and Thursday's knitting activities, monthly teas and socials, special events and speakers on topics related to health and wellness, along with all the trips for seniors. We are working with many local organizations to keep the seniors advised of opportunities to improve their quality of life. A monthly newsletter for seniors is available as the Vic Geary Center. Be sure to check our website ([www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com)) for information on upcoming activities and events for seniors.

Our special events have been well attended by many Plaistow residents. The coloring contests were enjoyed by children ages 2 thru 12 during Easter, Halloween and Christmas. The Toddler and the Children's Easter Egg Hunt had over 550 participants who visited the Easter Bunny and searched for Easter eggs. Toddler Trick or Treat had over 100 children in costume visiting local businesses in the downtown Plaistow neighborhood. A great time was had by all who attended. Pumpkin lighting lit up the Town Hall Green with many uniquely carved pumpkins. New this year, the Recreation Commission and Plaistow volunteers decorated the Town Hall Green with lights for everyone's enjoyment and we also added a Holiday House Decorating Contest with a great first year turn out of 20 entries.

Community trips are a good time for all who travel with us. We went to three Red Sox Games, all were sold out. Disney on Ice and Ringling Brothers Circus are great family trips that put many smiles on faces of children from Plaistow. Our Christmas trip this year was to see a holiday show by Martina McBride. Check out our Web Site at [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com) and local newspapers for additional information on upcoming community events.

In closing, I would like to thank the staff at Town Hall. As a Department of one, we could not have the special events we have without their continued assistance. Their support and help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to Dan Garlington and the Highway Department for always lending a helping hand to Recreation, thank you guys. Thank you to Wal Mart, Home Depot, Hills Insurance, Pete's Sewer Service, Leo's Fuel, The American Legion Women's Auxiliary, Plaistow Fish & Game, Timberlane Middle School Student Senate, Edelstein Chiropractic, Al Hoyt & Sons, Bill Bartlett & Son Landscaping, Granite Fields Sports Complex, Plaistow Fish & Game Women's Auxiliary, First Baptist Church, Holy Angels Food Pantry and the Plaistow Lions for their support of Christmas gifts and food to those less fortunate; both seniors and children. Thank you all!

My primary goal for 2007 is to continue the work on the new fields so that they are ready for play in 2008. Transitioning our baseball and softball programs will be a priority for the Recreation Commission.



## REPORT OF THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT

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And, of course, we are committed to improving and expanding our Senior Programming to offer worthwhile and useful programs now, to help prepare and educate our seniors for the future and to expand our programs to include all of those who wish to participate.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carli Malette*

Recreation Director



New recreation field .



The Rockingham Planning Commission (RPC) is a voluntary local public regional planning commission established under state law (RSA 36) which is created by, sustained by and connected directly to the local governments it serves. It exists to provide professional planning assistance to local governments and to coordinate local and regional planning in the areas of land use, transportation, natural resources protection, housing and economic development and operates in an advisory capacity to its member communities. The Commission, which is not affiliated with Rockingham County, serves a state-defined planning region which includes 27 municipalities in southern and seacoast Rockingham County with a population of approximately 180,000. Commission membership is voluntary and is maintained through the payment of annual dues, based on town population. The RPC is controlled by a Board of Commissioners, who set policy, oversee the budget and decide what work the Commission will undertake. Each member town is entitled to appoint at least two Commissioners to the RPC Board

The local technical services provided by the Commission include the preparation and updating of master plans, CIPs, open space plans, natural resource inventories and a variety of other planning documents; providing 'circuit rider' (shared) planners for smaller towns; assistance with the review of major development plans; developing GIS maps for town planning; assisting in grant applications for federal and state funds; drafting and updating zoning ordinance and subdivision and site plan regulations. Specific local technical assistance provided to Plaistow included providing a Build-Out Analysis that shows how much undeveloped land is left in residential, commercial and industrial zones. Regional planning services also include area wide transportation planning and project development, regional housing needs, regional conservation and greenway planning, economic development strategies, the specific review of proposed developments that can be used to promote regional cooperation and advising towns on proposed developments that could have regional impact. Plaistow is heavily involved with RPC transportation planning efforts, participates in quarterly Conservation Commission forums and uses RPC as a resource for many Master Plan and GIS map update efforts.

Membership in the Commission enables communities to interact with each other and to be aware of the latest opportunities for local planning assistance, grant opportunities, direct assistance from RPC staff and regional activities in which the Town should be involved. More importantly, being part of the Commission means our community has a voice (and a vote!) at the table where decisions are made about regional plans for transportation, land conservation, economic development, housing and many other issues.

Respectfully submitted,

*Timothy E. Moore*, Commissioner

*Marilyn P. Senter*, Commissioner

*Lawrence W. Gil*, Alternate Commissioner

## REPORT OF THE SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

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Election records are kept at the Town Hall for reference by anyone who is authorized and in need of that information. Voting checklist is retained for a period of 6 years and can be referenced as proof of voting in any given election if needed.

This past year at the State Primary was the first time we used the new State List. There were some problems with the list and some residents had to fill out a new card and their names were left off. You may check your voting record/status any time at the Town Clerk's Office.

We will be able to better track when you voted and also better track if someone tries to vote in more than one NH town. Any voter who has been registered prior to mid-year 2003 may be asked to fill out the newest voter registration form, so that we can update their voter record.

New residents may register to vote during regular office hours in the Town Clerk's office, also during any session of the Supervisors of the Check List. These sessions are posted on the Cable TV station (Channel 17) and also in the local newspapers. The session is held about 10 days prior to any election. A person cannot register to vote in the Town Clerk's office 10 days prior to any election; they must then wait to register and vote on Election Day. Residents may not register at the Deliberative Session. New Hampshire has a same day registration policy.

To register as a voter a resident must prove that he/she is a resident of Plaistow. To do this we require a mortgage statement or notarized letter from their landlord, plus a current utility bill showing that they are indeed living there. ID is also required, this can be in the form of a current NH driver's license, certified birth certificate or a current passport. If a person's name has changed and it doesn't reflect the new name on their documents, we will need to see the document that confirms the name change. Anyone that has become a citizen after moving to the USA will need to show his or her naturalization papers as well.

Respectfully submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town Clerk



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Supervisor of the Checklist Eleanor Peabody and husband George.



## REPORT OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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The position of Tax Collector encompasses much more than just collecting taxes. I am also responsible for keeping complete and accurate records of taxes due, collected, abated and all property sold for nonpayment of taxes. My office also provides banks and real estate organizations information on property values, taxes due and copies of bills. The Deputy and I both believe it is important to be a resource to the residents of Plaistow. My office assists the residents by explaining the tax process and answering questions they may have. I also help residents take advantage of other services the Town offers.

A Tax Collector is either elected by the annual town meeting or can be appointed by the Selectmen. In Plaistow, the position is a three year elected term. I want to thank the 727 residents that voted to re-elect me in 2006. I bring twelve consecutive years of Tax Collector experience to the job and previous to that I served as your Treasurer. I am a New Hampshire Certified Tax Collector and completed three years of schooling to obtain this title. I am a member of the New Hampshire Tax Collector's Association and frequently attend regional meeting to receive legislative updates and discuss issues facing New Hampshire's communities.

In 2006, the tax rate was set at \$18.50 per thousand of property value. Property taxes are used to produce the money needed to fund municipal and county government and to operate public schools. The tax rate is set by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue Administration (DRA) in October of each year. The rate is calculated by dividing the amount needed to operate the Town by the total taxable valuation. The billing cycle is April 1 thru March 31 of the given year. Bills are sent out bi-annually, in May and October. The bill is due thirty days from the date it is issued. However, they are never due prior to July 1 or December 1.

The Tax Collector appoints a deputy with the approval of the Board of Selectmen. Your Deputy Tax Collector is Nancy Bolduc. Nancy performs day to day operations in the office and is capable of serving as Tax Collector if I was incapacitated. Nancy brings an upbeat attitude and cheery disposition to the office and I appreciate all she does to make this office function on a professional and courteous level.

The Tax Collector's Office is open Monday thru Wednesday from 8:30AM to 4:30PM and is closed for lunch from noon to 1:00PM. During the tax season the office works an extended schedule, and we are now keeping the office open on Monday - Friday from 8:30AM to 4:30 PM during this time.

You may reach Nancy or I by calling 382-5200 x 17.

Respectfully submitted,

*Rosemarie L. Bayek*

Tax Collector

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

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As we in the Town Clerk's Office prepare for the New Year, we hope to add to our resident's ease of getting their vehicles registered. We already offer registration renewals via mail, in person and on the Internet. We will be going live on line with the state; this will open up more transactions which we will be able to complete at the Town Clerk's office instead of going to a motor vehicle office. The scheduled date is January 22, 2007. Some of the transactions that will be allowed with this change will be: Applying for a vanity plate, receiving a moose plate and registering vehicles over 8000lbs.

We also hope that sometime in the new-year we may bring the option of using a debt or credit card to our residents. We are looking at a couple of companies that would off this service as a pay per use system.

**AUTO REGISTRATIONS:** Renewals can be done in person, by mail, with a mail notice (cost \$1.00/per vehicle) or by e-reg [www.plaistow.com](http://www.plaistow.com) (cost is \$2.50 each vehicle plus a \$.35 per transaction fee). To do a new vehicle, you will need to present a certificate of origin, a title or title application prepared by a NH dealer for 1992 and newer vehicles. For 1991 and older vehicles, a bill of sale is required along with a previously issued NH registration, or a copy of a previous title or a TDMV 19A form (available at the Town Clerk's Office). With all transactions, you will need to show proof of residency and proof of identification. Fees for the town tax are based on value of the vehicle. State fees are based on weight. There are also fees for the title, plates, special plates, mail notices and e-reg fees.

**DOG LICENSES:** All dogs three months or older must be licensed annually on or before April 30<sup>th</sup>. Late fees and fines will be assessed on all unlicensed dogs after June 1<sup>st</sup>. A valid rabies certificate is needed for all dogs. Plaistow holds an annual Rabies Clinic in late March at the Fire Station. At this time, you may also license your Plaistow dogs.

**BOATS:** You may register your boats at the Town Clerk's office even if you are not a resident of Plaistow. We accept cash only for boat registrations.

**VITAL RECORDS:** You may obtain certified copies of Birth, Death and Marriage records that occurred anywhere in NH from 1990 to the present from any NH Town Clerk's Office. Qualified individuals that demonstrate a "direct and tangible" interest may request the records by showing IDs and filling out the required form/s. The cost is \$12.00 each for a first copy and subsequent copies (at the same time) are only \$8.00. Marriage licenses cost \$45.00 and are available to anyone who is at least 18 years old and wants to be married in NH. ID is required as well as the certified document ending any prior marriage (if applicable).

Respectively submitted,

*Maryellen Pelletier*

Town Clerk

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

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### Record of Resident Births in New Hampshire:

<u>Child's Name</u>	<u>Father's Name</u>	<u>Mother's Maiden Name</u>	<u>Date of Birth</u>
Adames, Allida Leslie		Sargent, Amanda	05/27/06
Atkinson, Alexis Lee	Atkinson, Thomas	Murray, Kara	07/11/06
Beaulieu, Caroline Riley	Beaulieu, David	Beaulieu, Heather	06/23/06
Bixby, Riley Lynda	Bixby, Patrick	Bixby, Melanie	10/29/06
Boutin, Kate Lynn	Boutin, Michael	Boutin, Valerie	01/17/06
Carson, Max Patrick	Carson, Nicholas	Carson, Jody	08/08/06
DeRoche, Andrew John	DeRoche, John J.	Sherman-DeRoche, Kathleen	03/22/06
Fiset, Avery Nicole	Fiset, Nicolas	Fiset, Nicole	05/24/06
Garrant, Ava Jane		Garrant, Julie	11/01/06
Giles, Joshua Thomas	Giles, David	Cyr, Nicole	11/05/06
Hailson, Codie Garrett		Morse, Leigh	07/11/06
Lafontaine, Coty Lee Zavier	Lafontaine, Shawn	Lafontaine, Heather	03/07/06
Lajoie, Cameron Roy	Lajoie, Jason	Lajoie, Rory Alexia	02/28/06
Leblanc, Elsie Marie	Leblanc, Shawn	Leblanc, Jodi	07/29/06
Liszewski, Hunter Joseph	Liszewski, Theodore	Sturk, Stacey	02/25/06
Mccall, Madison Leigh	Mccall, John	Camm, Rachel	12/05/06
Mojica, Coralee Anne	Mojica, Rey	Sullivan, Kelly	03/26/06
Murray, Paige Elisabeth	Murray, Daniel	Murray, Jamie	08/19/06
Narinkevicius, Sofia Marie	Narinkevicius, Karl	Naronkrvicius, Jennifer	12/28/06
Poliquin, Kyle R. D.	Poliquin, Daniel	Poliquin, Lenka	06/19/06
Raiche, Sara Ann	Raiche, Ryan	Cairns, Rebecca	09/13/06
Sawyer, Mackenzie Elizabeth	Sawyer, Thomas	Hackney, Jessica	11/25/06
Schuler, Connor Joseph	Schuler, Robert	Schuler, Kimberly	09/04/06
Shanahan, Alana Jade	Shanahan, Jeffrey	Shanahan, Kelly	05/04/06
Tropeano, Jacob Michael	Tropeano, Christopher	Ramsay, Amanda	03/14/06



Andrew John DeRoche born March 22, 2006.



## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

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### Record of Resident Deaths in New Hampshire:

<u><i>Descendent</i></u>	<u><i>Father's Name</i></u>	<u><i>Mother's Maiden Name</i></u>	<u><i>Date of Death</i></u>
Misiunas, James	Misiunas, August	Cepas, Macella	03/06/06
Pearsall, Gloria	Lamothe, Wilfred	Jones, Rose	03/18/06
Merrill, Karen	Alexander, William	Keith, Barbara	04/26/06
Martel, Joseph	Martel, Wilfred	Lemay, Marie	04/27/06
Munroe, George	Munroe, Gordon	Hardy, Frances	04/29/06
Frier, Sylvia	Colson, Stanley	Cleveland, Beatrice	04/30/06
Pratt, Gertrude	Hetzel, Johan	Krempel, Barbara	05/02/06
Tetrault, Madeline	Wilbur, Ernest	Higgins, Mildred	05/08/06
Crepeau, John	Crepeau, Henry	Gagnon, Elizabeth	05/13/06
Minton, Richard	Minton, Richard	Robichaud, Florence	05/18/06
Castano, Sylvester	Castano, Sylvester	Decarlo, Antoinette	05/26/06
Furbish, Wilbur	Furbish, Ralph	Clement, May	06/15/06
Laskowsky, Richard	Laskowsky, Donald	Reardon, Joan	06/18/06
Harvey, Benjamin	Harvey, Benjamin	Campbell, Margaret	08/25/06
Eason, Hazel	Ring, Jarvis	Kerber, Elsie	10/05/06
Brisson, Norman	Brisson, Jacob	Lunchick, Anna	10/20/06
Hawes, Cornelia	Johnson, Charlton	Perley, Evelyn	10/25/06
Boddy, Andrew	Boddy, William	Coco, Janice	11/20/06
Ketchum, Wilbur	Ketchum, Frank	Beeson, Iva	11/26/06
Pelletier, Gordon	Pelletier, Louis	Sylvador, Ethel	12/05/06
Browne, Irene	Durgin, Edwin	Randall, Flora	12/15/06
Colby, John	Colby, Chester	White, Addie	12/24/06



Gordon B. Sykes Jr.  
1929 – 2006

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

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### Record of Resident Marriages in New Hampshire:

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Issuance</u>	<u>Marriage</u>
Durgin, Brian D.	Goodwin, Alissa L.	Plaistow	01/01/06
Mose, Paul O.	Vinci, Thea M.	Plaistow	01/20/06
Howard, Jeremy J.	Vor, Boravy	Plaistow	01/26/06
Flynn, Richard	Burri, Barbara	Plaistow	01/28/06
Malette, David M.	Sarty, Carlene E.	Plaistow	01/30/06
Sgouros, James J.	Meloni, Linda M.	Plaistow	02/03/06
Barry, Richard R.	Gregory, Donna J.	Plaistow	02/04/06
Mailhot, David W.	Turcotte, Elizabeth J.	Atkinson	02/11/06
Kenny, Kevin P.	Harper, Trudy L.	Plaistow	02/11/06
Nash, Nicholas M.	Igbinovia, Anita	Plaistow	03/11/06
Newton, Eric H.	Lewis, Jenna M.	Plaistow	04/21/06
Jenne, Robert C.	Repczynski, Mary Ann	Plaistow	04/22/06
Bethune, Stephen L.	Crepeau, Amanda S.	Plaistow	06/03/06
Peabody, Ryan L.	Smerdon, Tiffany M.	Plaistow	06/06/06
Butruccio, Vito A.	Dick, Tara J.	Plaistow	06/17/06
Sawyer, Christopher P.	Leboeuf, Cynthia J.	Plaistow	06/17/06
Holdsworth, Michael D.	Overton, Nancy M.	Hampton	06/17/06
Belanger, Kevin S.	Mandel, Lauren R.	Plaistow	06/19/06
Cronin, Sean M.	Taylor, Lauren R.	Plaistow	07/08/06
Skulski, Andrew J.	Amaral, Diane	Salem	07/08/06
Custeau, David S.	Florent, Rachel M.	Plaistow	07/15/06
Young, David R.	Reynolds, Ellyn E.	Plaistow	07/16/06
Cormier, Denis A.	Hebert, Erika H.	Plaistow	08/05/06
Shea, Joseph P.	Ouellette, Pamela	Plaistow	08/19/06
Kimpland, Shaine C.	Cooper, Michelle L.	Plaistow	08/19/06
Owens, Arthur J.	Jackson, Cathleen M.	Plaistow	08/19/06
Milot, Kevin M.	Cassell, Jennifer A.	Plaistow	08/26/06
Pitts, Robert P.	Williams, Gail M.	Plaistow	08/27/06
Garrity, Michael D.	Stephen, Tiffanie M.	Salem	09/01/06
Wiggins, Randy A.	Descoteaux, Annmarie	Plaistow	09/02/06
Lemire, Derek J.	Courtney, Erica L.	Plaistow	09/03/06
Bell, Eric	Badgley, Barbara A.	Plaistow	09/09/06
Dudley, Matthew S.	Richard, Jeana L.	Plaistow	09/09/06
Llorens, Rafael A.	Verducci, Jacquelyn A.	Plaistow	09/10/06
Clark, Robert L.	Barnard, Leslie M.	Plaistow	09/13/06
Moynihan, Patrick R.	Winsor, Brianna E.	Plaistow	09/16/06
Rivela, Dennis P.	Paul, Luanna R.	Plaistow	09/23/06
Reifel, John S.	Mavrogeorge, Audrey	Plaistow	09/23/06
Wyman, Richard W.	Turlick, Leslie C.	Plaistow	10/07/06

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK'S VITAL STATISTICS

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### Record of Resident Marriages in New Hampshire Continued:

<u>Groom's Name</u>	<u>Bride's Name</u>	<u>Issuance</u>	
Nadeau, Robert	Ryder, Sandra L.	Merrimack	10/07/06
Renaud, David E.	Slobuszewski, Katherine	Danville	10/13/06
Addorisio, Michael R.	Zanfagna, Sarah A.	Plaistow	10/07/06
Barbeau, Alan B.	Gianni, Linda	Plaistow	10/28/06
Valcourt, Jeffrey R.	Nutter, Kimberly A.	Plaistow	11/04/06
Borkush, Daniel R.	McCormack, Meredith	Plaistow	11/08/06
Walker, Chester H.	Berube, Linda A.	Plaistow	11/19/06
Dyment, Robert J.	Masera, Leeanne L.	Plaistow	10/28/06



Carlene E. Sarty married David Malette at Town Hall on January 30, 2006.



## REPORT OF THE TOWN HALL RENOVATION COMMITTEE

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In 2006, the Town Hall Renovation Committee finished phase 2 of a 3 phase project. Phase 2 included heating and cooling upgrades, pointing, roofing and gutter repairs. With money that was saved from phase 2, we were able to complete some projects originally set for phase 3. The Town received a generous donation from a former resident which allowed us to complete new office space on the third floor of Town Hall. This space now occupies the new Building/Planning suite of Town Hall.

Phase 3 of the project, set to begin in 2007, will include final touches of the renovation project. This will include additional office reconfigurations, an additional unisex bathroom on the second floor of Town Hall, carpeting, flooring and lighting upgrades. The committee formed a sub-committee to address interior designs of Town Hall. As part of the committee's original charter, it has given the Selectmen a plan to address parking needs around Town Hall. The Selectmen will decide in the future when to bring those plans before the Town.

As of the 2007 Town Meeting, the Renovation Committee will have completed all aspects of the original charter set forth by the Selectmen in 2003. We anticipate that this will be the last report of this committee. This project will be completed earlier than anticipated and come in thousands of dollars under what was originally thought to be the expense. In the end, the committee has given it's time, energy and heart to this project and the Town has gained a facility that will continue to be the center of town government for at least the next 25 years. We are excited that the current generation can give future generations the opportunity to experience one of the great town halls in the State of New Hampshire. The committee would like to thank the townspeople for all of your support of this project over the past several years.

Respectfully submitted,

*Robert J. Gray*

Chairman

## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE TRUST FUNDS

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The Trustees would like to take this opportunity to explain in an abbreviated form the role of the Trustees. We currently are entrusted with 11 separate accounts, 10 of which are invested with New Hampshire Public Deposit Investment Pool (NH PDIP). Our Cemetery Perpetual accounts are with Citizens bank. It is our role as Trustees to supervise these accounts by reviewing the monthly statements, as well as any expenditure that has been requested. We review each request for funds to determine whether the request is within the original intent of the Warrant article that created that account.

The year 2006 brought us two new accounts, The Highway Capital reserve account per warrant article P24, and the second account was a result of a gift of Shares given to the town for the purpose of renovating the third floor. The Shares were sold and the Third Floor Renovation account was established.

Our meetings are open to the Public, these meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

During the fall the Trustees regrettably accepted the resignation of Susan Drew and are actively looking for a replacement. Anyone interested in filling the vacant position should contact the Town Manager, Board of Selectmen or one of the Trustees.

The Trustees pledge to you the citizens of Plaistow that we will continue to manage the funds entrusted to us to the best of our abilities in accordance to the laws of the State of New Hampshire, we also thank you for your support.

Respectfully submitted,

*B. Jill Senter*

Chairperson



Trustee Jill Senter reviewing financials with Town Manager Jason Hoch.

### **Department Background**

The Town owns and maintains an underground fire suppression system that is unique to the industry. It was planned and developed approximately 30 years ago in a collaborative effort between the Town and three of the largest employers in the community. A very limited system was installed consisting of a diesel powered fire pump and a 90,000 gallon storage tower and a 300,000 gallon reservoir, to provide fire suppression for several manufacturing facilities, as well as several fire hydrants along the streets where the line was installed. The system was not designed for use a source of potable water. The original pumping facility is still intact on the property currently occupied by Chart Industries. The water tower has been taken out of service, but still serves the Town in another capacity as a foundation for cellular communications antennas. The system was expanded to include a second pumping station, and reservoir, on town land near the end of Maple Avenue. This facility has both electric and diesel fire pumps. The source of water for this facility is a 1,000,000 gallon above ground earthen reservoir. For various reasons, this facility has become our primary pumping station.

Over the course of time, the system has been expanded to provide additional coverage to the community. Most notably, the line was extended south along Plaistow Road from Westville Road when the Shaw's Plaza was constructed. At about the same time, the line was extended into the Pentucket Plaza to provide fire suppression to that facility as well. During the renovation by Home Depot, this portion of the water line was tied into the segment at Westville Road, providing a redundant supply path to that facility should a line break occur. Additionally, the system was expanded along Kingston Road and Elm Street, tying into the line on Main Street (by Town Hall) providing a second 'loop' for redundancy.

Modifications to the system have taken place as new businesses have replaced old. The line was extended into Kohl's and more recently extended on the Ethan Allen property and north from Maple Ave along Main Street to its current locations. The majority of these additions were done at minimal or no cost to the Town.

### **Recent Projects**

This past year the Town's capital improvement project for the waterline consisted of extending the line from Main Street to Route 125 via Old Road. That segment was completed without incident and at a cost significantly lower than our Engineers' estimates. With the money we saved we were able to then complete 2 additional milestones. First we extended the line to Route 125 and Route 121A. From there we were able to extend the line across Rt. 125, to the northerly side of the intersection on Route 121A. This was possible due to the earlier planning to place a segment of waterline under the intersection when it was reconstructed in 2000. We were also able to cross Route 121A and bring the line to the northerly side of Rt. 125 in anticipation of future construction work being planned by the State of NH. From a fire suppression standpoint, these extensions provide access to a reliable source of water without interruption to two of our most heavily traveled roadways.



As part of our responsibilities for maintaining the system, we completed several maintenance items that were deemed necessary due to the age of the system and normal wear and tear. We re-shingled the Maple Avenue pump house, replacing the original roof that was installed nearly 30 years ago. We repaired several segments of the reservoir's liner that had separated due to age and exposure to the elements. Finally, we have begun to layout system diagrams in a concise manner to enhance our ability to locate and isolate portions of the system for maintenance and repair. This proved to be beneficial when we experienced a significant leak on Laurel Ave. this past December. By documenting the location of system valves, we were able to quickly isolate the leak, effect the repair and return the system to service with minimal impact on the majority of the system.

### **Future Planning**

Our future plans for expansion coincide with NHDOT projects along Route 125. This year, with your support, we will be placing waterline in the ground between Walton Road and Old County Road. This line will not be completed (filled) until sometime in the future when we are able to connect to the recently

completed extension at Route 121A. We feel it is in our best interest to capitalize on the construction projects funded by the state to keep our costs as low as reasonably achievable.

To ensure our vision is focused appropriately, the Town plans on engaging an independent consultant to review the current system, its operation, maintenance and plans for expansion. The results of this assessment will be used as a guide for the future of the system.

From a financial standpoint, the system does provide a source of revenue to the community. Facilities that are protected by the system (i.e. they have a sprinkler system supplied by our water system) are assessed a nominal fee based on the size of the area protected. Generally speaking, these fees cover the cost of system maintenance and operation.

I thank the Town for their continued support of our efforts to maintain and upgrade this segment of our infrastructure. As I stated before, we are unique in that this is one of very few systems in the country that is used solely for fire protection and suppression. By expanding the system into the areas of greatest potential for commercial development, we can attract a greater variety of businesses to Town and provide them with fire suppression capabilities that make Plaistow a viable option for them.

As they benefit, so benefits the Town due to the added revenue of not only their tax base, but from the anticipated user's fee assessed when connected to the water system.

Respectfully submitted,

*John H. McArdle*

Water Superintendent

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial board that has authority under the NHRsAs (State Laws) to grant certain relief when there is a proposal that is in conflict with the Town's Zoning Ordinances. Members hear matters from request for home occupations; to setback, wetlands, and allowable use variances; to appeals of decisions of staff and other boards; to equitable waivers to "legitimize" existing conditions that were affected by changes in zoning over the years and became non-conforming situations. The Board heard 59 matters in the 2006 calendar year. What exactly does all this mean to a resident of Plaistow?

Firstly, a resident who has a property that isn't exactly sprawling, or perfectly square, or perhaps the house was originally built too close to a property line, or has other restrictions to expansion, would seek relief from the ZBA if they wanted to make any non-conforming alterations or additions to their property. It's a way for people to prove that they have a unique condition (a hardship) in their property to justifiably deviation from the rules and not simply hear a "no." Sometimes the decision made by the Board makes the difference in whether or not a growing family can put an addition on their home and stay in Plaistow or a successful business can expand.

On the other side of the coin the ZBA provides a level of protection for abutters and residents from rampant and excessive over development. That protection is in the form of a public hearing. All matters, commercial and residential, that come before the Board are presented at a public hearing. Just because someone makes an application to the Board it does not mean that it is automatically granted. Evidence must be presented by an applicant to prove that what they want to do will not in anyway injure the rights of others or the Plaistow Community as a whole, or be contrary to the spirit and intent of the Plaistow Ordinances.

The Board, under the State's RSAs and from decisions made in the State's courts, is given a certain criteria to base all their decisions on. This insures that decisions are made in a fair and equitable fashion. All interested parties are given a chance to put their evidence on the record and provide input for the Board to use in their decision process. Using the criteria from the NHRsAs, the input of interested parties and the Plaistow Zoning Regulations, the Board does its best to make decisions that are fair to the applicant and in the best interests of the Plaistow Community as a whole. No easy task sometimes. It hard to tell any applicant that they can't do just anything they want to do on their property. Sometimes the bigger picture shows that something is a "nice to have, not a must have," and the evidence shows that there is an alternative that would be in compliance with the Town's Ordinances and an application must be denied.

The applications that come to the Board can sometimes provide an indication that a particular aspect of zoning may need additional review and perhaps be updated. The information on applications is shared with other boards in Town who can use that information to track trends in development.

## REPORT OF THE ZONING BOARD

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None of this would happen without the dedication of the residents of Plaistow who volunteer to sit on the Board and are then appointed by the Board of Selectmen. I would like to thank the current members of the Board, Peter Bealo, Vice Chairman; Robert Loeffler; Julie Matthews and Cliff Clark; and our new alternate, Roderic Cole, appointed in 2006, for their dedication to the Community and the ZBA process.

We did bid farewell to a long-time member of the Board this year. Barb Burri, tried to hang with us as an alternate, but career demands made it impossible for her to continue. Barb provided the Town with many years of invaluable service as a Board member and as vice chairman. She will be sorely missed.

Our in-house staff is Dee Voss who has been with the Board for five years as the Administrative Assistant. Along with Code Enforcement Officer Mike Dorman, they provide full-time resources for the public on zoning matters. The two of them have an excellent working knowledge of Plaistow's Ordinances and can assist residents on when matters need the relief of the ZBA as well as provide the link to other town boards and committees.

The ZBA is always looking for community-minded residents to step up and volunteer to serve as alternates to the board. Please direct any letters of interest to the ZBA at the Town Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Lawrence Ordway*

Chairman



Building Inspector Mike Dorman and Police Chief Steve Savage review plans.



# TOWN OF PLAISTOW NEW HAMPSHIRE



## **2007 CANDIDATES & BALLOT QUESTIONS**

*Warrant as amended by Deliberative Session*

*February 3, 2007*

## 2007 TOWN WARRANT

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### *State of New Hampshire*

To the inhabitants of the Town of Plaistow, New Hampshire, in the County of Rockingham in said state, qualified to vote in town affairs.

You are hereby notified to meet for the first session of the annual town meeting at the Plaistow Town Hall 145 Main Street in said Plaistow on Saturday, February 3, 2007 at 10:00 AM in the forenoon to explain, discuss and debate each Article and to determine the form for the questions on the ballot, except those warrant articles where wording is prescribed by law. The snow date will be at the Plaistow Town Hall on Monday, February 5, 2007 starting at 6:30 PM. The final voting on all warrant articles will take place by official ballot at the second session.

Further, you are hereby notified to meet for the second session of the annual town meeting at Pollard School, Main Street, in said Plaistow on Tuesday, March 13, 2007, from 8:00 AM in the forenoon until 8:00 PM in the afternoon to elect officers and to act on the following Articles by official ballot voting.

The articles begin with "P" to differentiate these town articles from the school district article numbers.

**Article P-07-01** To elect all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

**SELECTMAN** VOTE FOR NOT  
THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN TWO  
CHARLES L (BUZZY) BLINN  
JOHN SHERMAN

**TOWN CLERK** VOTE FOR NOT  
THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE  
MARYELLEN PELLETIER

**TREASURER** VOTE FOR NOT  
THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE  
BERNADINE A FITZGERALD

**BUDGET COMMITTEE** VOTE FOR NOT  
THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN FOUR  
RONALD J HAYES  
JANIS S PENTA  
ROBERT J GRAY  
BERNADINE A FITZGERALD

**PLANNING BOARD** VOTE FOR NOT  
THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE  
STEVEN RANLETT

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** VOTE FOR NOT  
THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE

**FIRST FIRE ENGINEER** VOTE FOR NOT  
ONE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE  
JOHN W JUDSON III

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** VOTE FOR NOT  
TWO YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE  
MICHAEL ALLEN

**SECOND FIRE ENGINEER** VOTE FOR NOT  
ONE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE  
MICHAEL JAMES KENNEDY

**CONFLICT OF INTEREST** VOTE FOR NOT  
ONE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE

**THIRD FIRE ENGINEER** VOTE FOR NOT  
ONE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE  
ERNEST MORIN

**FOURTH FIRE ENGINEER** VOTE FOR NOT  
ONE YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE  
CHRISTOHER POLIQUIN

**AUDITOR** VOTE FOR NOT  
ONE YEAR TERM MORE THAN TWO  
RONALD J HAYES  
LOUIS E DREW

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**SUPERVISOR OF THE CHECKLIST** VOTE  
SIX YEAR TERM FOR NOT MORE THAN ONE  
MARTHA L FOWLER

**TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND** VOTE FOR  
THREE YEAR TERM NOT MORE THAN ONE  
PHYLLIS L CARIFIO

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE** VOTE FOR NOT  
THREE YEAR TERM MORE THAN TWO  
JENNIFER KIARSIS  
KAREN POZNICK

**TRUSTEE OF THE TRUST FUND** VOTE FOR  
ONE YEAR TERM NOT MORE THAN ONE  
PAT MACOMBER  
HELEN A HART

**LIBRARY TRUSTEE** VOTE FOR NOT  
TWO YEAR TERM MORE THAN ONE  
THOMAS C MULLINGS

### OPERATING BUDGET

**Article P-07-02** Shall the town raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant article and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling six million seven hundred eighteen thousand three hundred forty six dollars (\$6,718,346)? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be six million six hundred forty four thousand nine hundred forty seven dollars (\$6,644,947), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the town or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. *Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1) and the Budget Committee (9-0-1)*

### HIGHWAY BLOCK GRANT

**Article P-07-03** Shall the Town vote to accept the NH Dept of Transportation Highway Block Grant in the amount of \$126,466 for equipment and road maintenance, construction and reconstruction of Class IV and V roads in accordance with NH RSA 235 and to raise and appropriate said sum for equipment and local highway maintenance, said fund not to lapse until December 31, 2008.

Appropriation	\$126,466
Revenue from Grant	-\$126,466
Amount to be raised from 2007 taxes	\$ 0

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0), Budget Committee (9-0), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To accept and spend the grant the Town receives from the state every year. This proposed article will result in no increase in the amount to be raised by taxes. This money pays for a portion of Highway Department projects including paving and road repair.]

### ROAD PAVING

**Article P-07-04** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,000 for the purpose of upgrading and improving various Town Roads?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0), Budget Committee (11-0), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: An engineering analysis of the Town's roads recommends an annual investment of approximately \$225,000 for pavement maintenance. This article, combined with the \$126,466 from the Highway Block Grant (Article P-07-03) and \$40,000 from the 2006 Highway Block Grant would follow that recommendation. The engineer's estimate is that



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without this level of investment, the cost of repairing the Town's backlog of road improvements would be over \$800,000 next year.]

### DRAINAGE

**Article P-07-05** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of improving road drainage?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0), Budget Committee (11-0), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To continue the Town's program of upgrading road drainage as a strategy to preserve pavement longevity and to prevent future costly repair work. This article, combined with \$40,000 from the 2006 Highway Block Grant, would follow the Town's plan that anticipates spending approximately \$70,000 annually on drainage projects. Previously, these projects had been paid for from the Highway Block Grant. Roads anticipated for drainage improvements in 2007 are Stanwood and Duston Avenues.]

### ROADS IN BUDGET

**Article P-07-06** Shall the Town include as part of the regular operating budget annually, acceptance of the NHDOT Highway Block Grant, improvements to town roads and drainage improvements, rather than to present each item as a separate warrant article?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0).*

[Intent: To simplify budgeting and planning for road and drainage improvements. Current plans recommend an annual investment of \$225,000 in road work and \$70,000 in drainage work. Since these expenses are expected to continue at the same rate each year, they can be considered a regular operating cost and included in the operating budget. This article is advisory to the Board of Selectmen for future years.]

### TOWN HALL RENOVATIONS

**Article P-07-07** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 to be added to Expendable Trust Fund (established by vote of Town Meeting in 2003 under RSA 31:19-a) for improvements at Town Hall including, but not limited to office renovation and relocation, painting, carpet and flooring replacement.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1), Budget Committee (10-0), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To fund continued renovation of the Town Hall. This is funding for Phase 3 of a 3 phase plan. Phase 3 includes relocation of the Finance, Assessing and Health offices, expansion of the Town Clerk's records storage room, painting, carpet replacement, curtains and window blinds and replacing lighting with more efficient fixtures. Phases 1 and 2 included installation of an elevator, bringing the electrical wiring to code, installation of a fire suppression system, replacement of the heating and cooling system, pointing the exterior brickwork and repairing the roof and gutters.]

### HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT TRUST FUND

**Article P-07-08** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$59,000 to be added to the Highway Department Equipment Expendable Trust Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0), Budget Committee (9-0), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To set aside money for future purchases of Highway Department vehicles. A 2003 financial analysis of future vehicle replacement shows that the department needed to spend \$590,000 over 10 years to replace the existing fleet as it ages. Putting \$59,000 aside each year will allow for the orderly replacement of highway vehicles, by leveling the yearly tax impact. This money can only be spent by a future vote at Town Meeting. This money will be invested in an interest bearing account.]

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRUCK**

**Article P-07-09** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$130,531 for the purchase of a replacement 6 wheel dump truck for the Highway Department and further to authorize the trade of the Town's 6 wheel dump truck for a value of not less than \$16,000 and to withdraw up to \$114,531 from the Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund for this purpose. This article is contingent on the passage of Article P-07-08.

Appropriation	\$130,531
Estimated revenue from Trade of 1999 Truck	-\$ 16,000
<u>Capital Reserve Withdrawal</u>	<u>-\$114,531</u>
Amount to be raised from 2007 taxes	\$ 0

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1), Budget Committee (8-1), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To replace the Highway Department's 1999 6 wheel dump truck. This authorizes trading in the 1999 vehicle and applying the proceeds toward the purchase of a new truck. The new truck will be equipped with a dump body, plow, wing and sander. This uses the Highway Equipment Expendable Trust Fund created in 2006, which has a balance of \$60,478.25 as of November 30, 2006. In addition, this article relies on Article P-07-08 which makes an additional deposit to the Expendable Trust Fund.]

**HIGHWAY GARAGE CAPITAL RESERVE**

**Article P-07-10** Shall the Town vote to establish a Highway Garage and Salt Shed Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of funding site selection, site engineering, design and site preparation for a replacement Highway Garage and Salt Shed and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents of the fund. And further, to vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for deposit into the fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and Budget Committee (9-0)*

[Intent: To provide funding for engineering study of building a replacement Highway Garage and Salt Shed either on the landfill property or at another location. Such a study will include estimates of site work necessary, road improvements and any required permitting by state agencies. This article creates a capital reserve fund for this purpose and allows the Selectmen to authorize spending from the fund. Any balance not needed for site selection, engineering and design would be applied to future site work once a site is chosen and building program approved by a future Town Meeting. It is intended to bring a revised proposal for the Highway Garage and Salt Shed to the 2008 Town Meeting.]

**BUILDINGS CAPITAL RESERVE**

**Article P-07-11** Shall the Town vote to establish a capital reserve fund under provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of repairing systems in various Town buildings, including, but not limited to heating and ventilation, electrical, gas, telephone and plumbing and to vote to raise and appropriate \$20,000 for such fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents of the fund.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1), Budget Committee (9-0), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To set aside money for future repairs of systems in Town buildings. Buildings are one of the Town's largest capital assets and these funds will be used to maintain and repair systems such as heating and ventilation, electrical and plumbing. This fund would be used for repairs that are unanticipated prior to Town Meeting and that cannot wait until a future meeting. This money can be spent only with the approval of the Board of Selectmen.

**FIRE CAPITAL RESERVE**

**Article P-07-12** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$80,000 for the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund?



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*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0), Budget Committee (9-0), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To set aside money for future purchase of Fire Department vehicles. A 2003 financial analysis of future vehicle replacement shows that the department needs to spend \$1,600,000 over 20 years to replace the existing fleet as it ages. Putting \$80,000 aside each year will allow for orderly replacement of fire vehicles by leveling the yearly tax impact. This money can only be spent by a future vote at town meeting.]

### **WATER CAPITAL RESERVE**

**Article P-07-13** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$40,000 for the Fire Suppression Water Capital Reserve Fund for future expansion of the fire suppression water system on Route 125?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1), Budget Committee (9-0), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To set aside money for future expansion of the fire suppression water system so that the Town can do the work at the same time as the NH Department of Transportation rebuilds sections of Route 125. A current analysis shows that the Town would need to spend \$1,250,000 to complete this project. Putting \$250,000 aside each year will level the tax impact of this work. NHDOT's plans show the last phase being completed in 2011. This year's operating budget includes \$210,000 for work planned for 2007 and the \$40,000 to be raised by this article represents the balance of savings necessary for future work.]

### **RECREATION FIELDS**

**Article P-07-14** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$150,000 for paving, construction of a concession/restroom/storage building and installation of a playground at the Recreation Fields on Old County Road?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2), Budget Committee (9-0), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: This would complete the initial development of the recreation fields on Old County Road, including paving driveways and parking areas, construction of a 30' x 42' building to house restrooms, concessions and storage. Completing this phase of the project would allow use of the facility in 2008.]

### **CONSERVATION FUND**

**Article P-07-15** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5000 to be added to the Conservation Fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0), Budget Committee (7-2), and the project is in the Capital Improvement Plan as approved by the Planning Board.*

[Intent: To provide additional funding to the Plaistow Conservation Fund. The Conservation Commission intends to purchase land, easements and/or other land rights to preserve the natural environment. There is approximately \$39,254 in the fund as of November 30, 2006.]

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

**Article P-07-16** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$51,536 for hiring one additional entry-level police officer, said sum to cover the base salary, fringe benefits, training and one-time purchase of uniforms/equipment for said officer, thereby enabling the Plaistow Police Department to assign a more experienced officer to the Timberlane Regional Middle School as a School Resource Officer with a start date of April 1, 2007. Creation of this position is dependent upon funding by the Timberlane Regional School District (TRSD).



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Appropriation for Officer	\$51,536
Revenue from TRSD	-\$44,544
Amount to be raised from 2007 taxes	\$ 6,992

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (3-2) and Budget Committee (8-1)*

[Intent: To expand the existing School Resource Officer (SRO) program to provide an SRO at the Timberlane Regional Middle School (TRMS). This SRO would be a member of the Plaistow Police Department on assignment to TRMS on school days and available to the Town of Plaistow on non-school days. The plan is to transfer an existing, experienced officer from the Plaistow Police Department to become the SRO. This officer would be replaced by the hiring of an entry-level officer. The school district will pay 82% (representing the school year) of the ongoing cost of the SRO and the Town will pay the remaining 18%. The school's share will cover part of the cost of the replacement entry level officer. An SRO is already assigned at the Timberlane Regional High School.]

### SELECTMEN SALARY

**Article P-07-17** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,765 to increase each Selectman's annual salary from \$1000 to \$3000? The additional \$765 is to cover Town payments to Social Security and Medicare.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1) and Budget Committee (9-0)*

[Intent: This amount represents an increase to the elected 5 member Board of Selectmen's salary. The Selectmen's salary has not changed since March 1970.]

### TOWN CLERK SALARY

**Article P-07-18** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$853 to increase the salary of the Town Clerk by \$739 from \$36,930 to \$37,669? The additional \$114 is to cover the Town's payment for Social Security, Retirement and Medicare.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and Budget Committee (8-1)*

[Intent: To increase the salary of the Town Clerk by the same amount (2%) as the proposed cost of living increase for nonunion Town employees in 2007.]

### TAX COLLECTOR SALARY

**Article P-07-19** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$591 to increase the salary of the Tax Collector by \$512 from \$25,588 to \$26,100? The additional \$79 is to cover the Town's payment for Social Security, Retirement and Medicare.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and Budget Committee (9-0)*

[Intent: To increase the salary of the Tax Collector by the same amount (2%) as the proposed cost of living increase for nonunion Town employees in 2007.]

### SPECIAL DETAIL TRUST FUND

**Article P-07-20** Shall the Town vote to discontinue the Expendable Trust Fund for police and fire details, adopted in article P-9 in 2004, and to transfer the balance of \$35,173 plus any accumulated interest to date to the general fund?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and Budget Committee (9-0)*

[Intent: With the creation of the Public Safety Service Detail Revolving Fund in 2006, this fund is no longer necessary. This would allow the balance of the trust fund to return to the fund balance.]

### AIDS RESPONSE SEACOAST

**Article P-07-21** Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$500 for AIDS Response Seacoast?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1) and Budget Committee (9-0)*

[Intent: AIDS Response Seacoast provides HIV/AIDS education, case management and support services. Their application to the Town states that they have served 1,531 Plaistow residents (including programming at the High School.)]

### **CENTENNIAL AND CIVIL WAR MONUMENT**

**Article P-07-22** (By Petition) Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,000 for costs associated with the Centennial and Civil War Monument Celebration for the Town of Plaistow to be held the weekend of September 13, 2008. This will be a non-lapsing account per RSA 32:3, VI and will not lapse until the celebration is completed and costs are paid in association with this event, or in a year, whichever is less. In addition, to vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Centennial & Civil War Committee to apply for and accept any fund raising revenues or private donations to help defray the costs of this Centennial & Civil War Celebration.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0) and Budget Committee (9-0)*

[Intent: It is anticipated that approximately \$10,500 will be raised by sale of dinner tickets, souvenirs, program ads and donations to help defray the costs of this Centennial and Civil War celebration. It is also anticipated that all costs associated with this event will be paid by the end of 2008.]

### **FIRE WARDS**

**Article P-07-23** Shall the Town vote to amend the adopted portion of NH RSA Chapter 154 to read: "The Fire Chief shall be appointed by the Town Manager with call and full time firefighters appointed by the Town Manager upon recommendation of the Fire Chief." Also, to remove the office of the Board of Fire Wards (Fire Engineers), such that the Fire Chief and fire officers will assume the duties of fire wardens (Fire Engineers). These are administrative changes that will not affect the function or operation of the Fire Department.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)*

[Intent: To amend action of Town Meeting 1996 to ensure that appointment of firefighters is consistent with the Town Manager form of government. In addition, to remove the Board of Fire Wards so that the department is managed by the Chief and officers. This would be effective following Town Meeting 2008.]

### **HAYNES BOULEVARD**

**Article P-07-24** (By Petition) Shall the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to determine the final disposition of Haynes Boulevard which may include the discontinuance of Haynes Boulevard pursuant to NH RSA 231:43, if the Board of Selectmen determines it to be in the best interest of the citizens of Plaistow?

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (5-0)*

[Intent: This will allow the Selectmen time to further investigate the use of Haynes Boulevard and does not bind the Selectmen to discontinue the road.]

### **CARBON COALITION**

**Article P-07-25** To see if the town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future well being of the people of Plaistow.

These actions include:

1) Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.

2) Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town of Plaistow encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our Selectmen to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions.

The record of the vote on this article shall be transmitted to the New Hampshire Congressional Delegation, to the President of the United States, and to declared candidates for those offices.

*Recommended by the Board of Selectmen (4-1)*

**Article P-07-26** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section ~ 220-28., Establishment of Districts, by revising it as follows:

The Town of Plaistow is divided into the following districts as shown on the Zoning Map:

RC	Residential-Conservation
LDR	Low Density Residential
MDR	Medium Density Residential
CII	Commercial II
CI	Commercial I
IND	Industrial
ICR	Integrated Commercial-Residential

The official Zoning Map is generated by a Geographic Information System (GIS) and is on file in the Department of Building Safety and Planning Board offices in the Plaistow Town Hall.

Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Section ~ 220-29., Zoning Map, by removing it.

The purpose of this amendment is to eliminate redundant text between ~ 220-28 and ~ 220-29.  
*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-07-27** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, Table 220-32I,

Minimum Dimensions for All Districts, by adding a note at the end of the table that states, "For Commercial and Industrial site plans also see Chapter 230, Site Plan Review Regulations, Article III, Landscaping, Section 230-23, for additional buffer requirements for open space, screening, and landscaping."

The purpose of this amendment is to add a reference to the site plan and subdivision regulations.

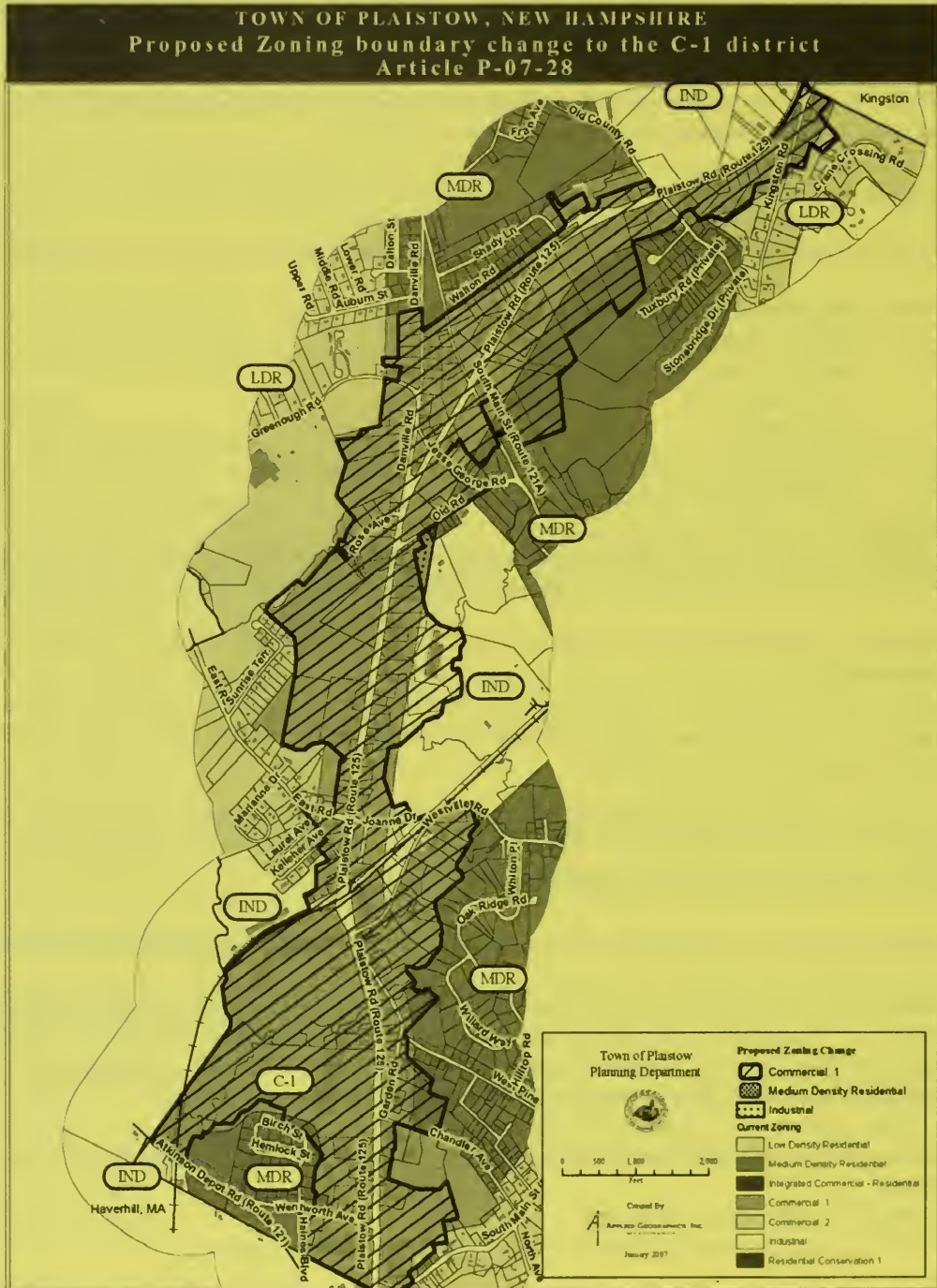
*Recommended by the Planning Board*



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**Article P-07-28** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, ~ 220-28., Establishment of Districts, by revising the C-1 district boundaries on the zoning map to correspond with property lines as shown on the proposed diagram below:**



The following sentences describe the proposed rezoning of the parcels that are being removed from the CI Zone as reflected on the proposed diagram above:

Lots with frontage on the south side of Chandler Ave. will revert to MDR;  
Lots with frontage on East Rd. and Tax Map 14, Lot 35 (owned by the Town of Plaistow) will revert to LDR;

Existing lots with frontage on the south side of Old Rd. which currently have area in CI and Industrial will revert to Industrial. Lots with frontage on the south side of Old Road including 20 Old Road with area in CI and MDR will revert to MDR;

The back lot behind the lots with frontage on Rose Ave. will revert to LDR;

Lots with frontage on Birch St. and Ash St. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Shady Ln. and 182 Plaistow Road will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on the south side of Old County Rd. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on the north side of Old County Rd. and lots with frontage on Sunview Park will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on the northeast side of Main Street and east of Route 125 will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Kingston Road and Tax Map 56, Lot 3 will revert to LDR;

Lots with frontage on the north side of Greenough Road will revert to LDR;

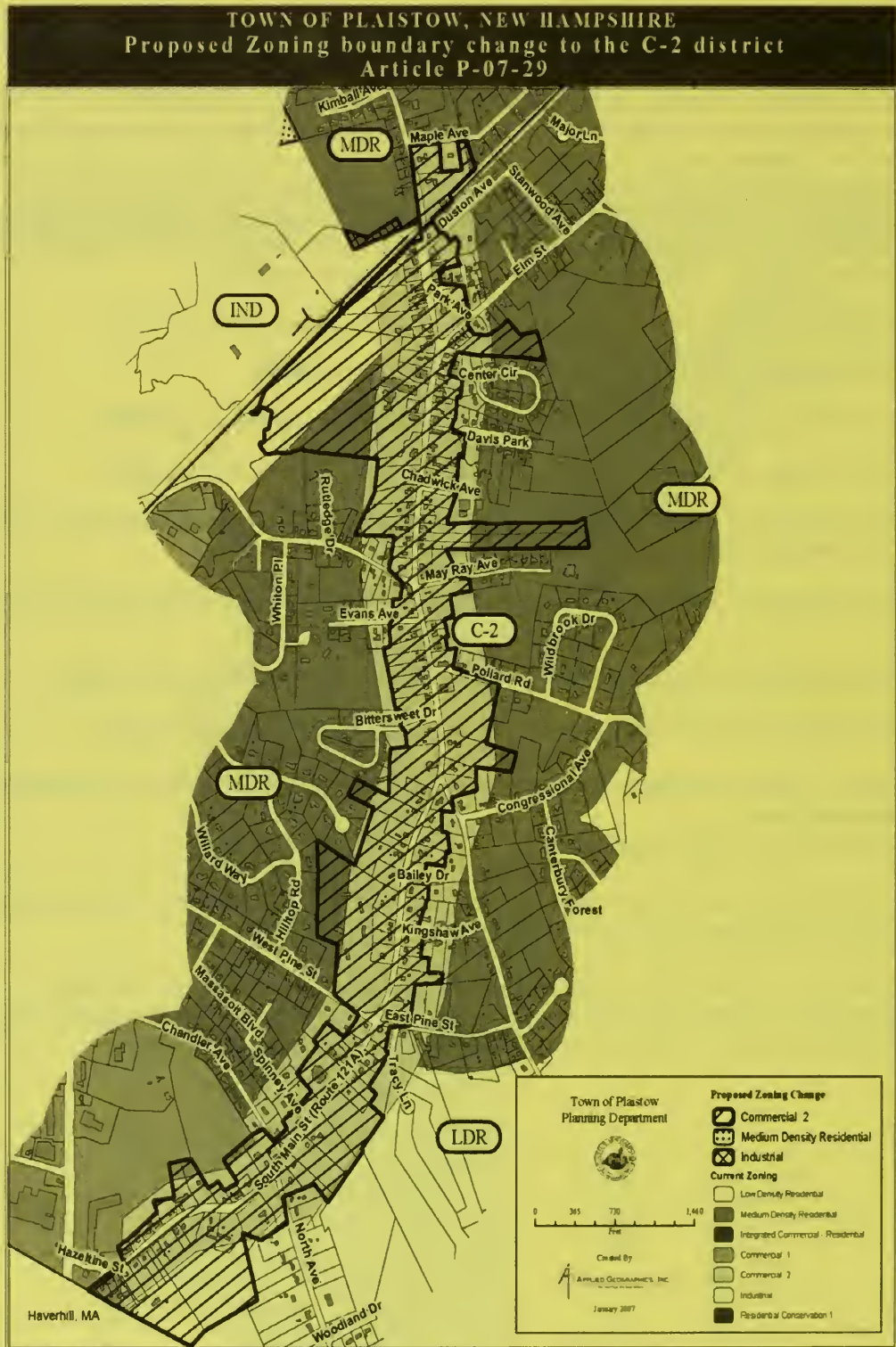
The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that each parcel of land is contained in no more than one zone.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

*Article P-07-29* Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, ~ 220-28., Establishment of Districts, by revising the CII district boundaries on the zoning map to correspond with property lines as shown on the proposed diagram below:







The following sentences will describe the proposed rezoning of the parcels that are being removed from the CII Zone and as reflected on the proposed diagram above:

Lots with frontage on the north side of North Ave. will revert to LDR;

Lots with frontage on Chandler Ave. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Spinney Ave. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on West Pine St. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on East Pine St. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Tracey Ln. will revert to LDR;

Lots with frontage on Kingshaw Ave. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Forrest St. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Bailey Dr. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Congressional Ave. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on the south side of Bittersweet Dr. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on the north side of Bittersweet Dr. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on the north side of Pollard Rd. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Evans Ave. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on May Ray Ave. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Westville Rd. will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Davis Park will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Center Circle will revert to MDR;

Lots with frontage on Duston Ave. will revert to MDR;

Tax Map 41, Lot 25 at the end of Kimball Ave. will revert to MDR;

Tax Map 47, Lot 13 and a portion of Tax Map 47, Lot 11 will revert to Industrial;

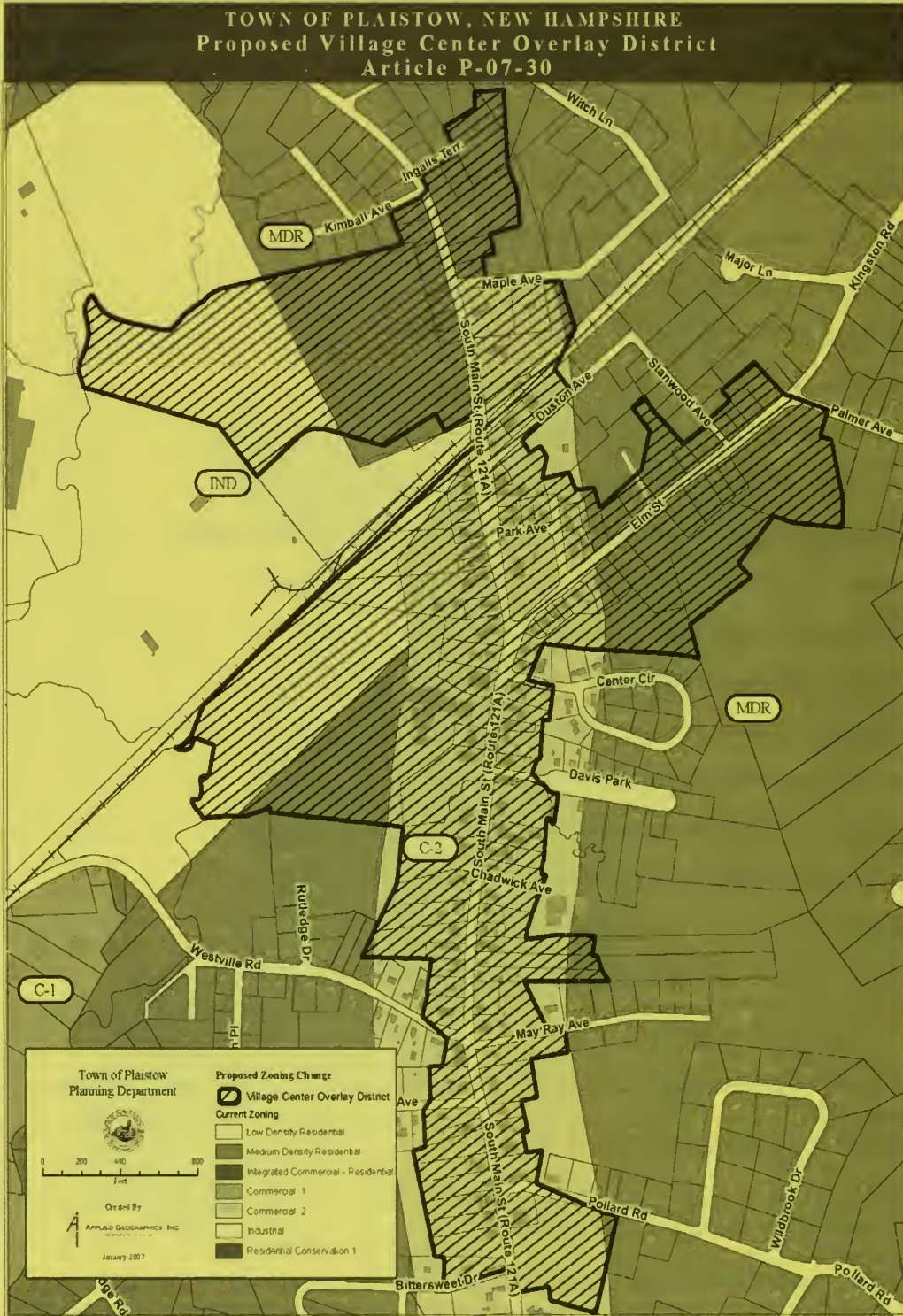
**The purpose of this amendment is to ensure that each parcel of land is contained in no more than one zone.**

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-07-30** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, ~ 220-28., Establishment of Districts, by adding a new "Village Center (VC) District" to the list of**

districts in Section 220-28. The district boundaries on the zoning map will correspond with property lines as shown on the proposed diagram below:





Also, add a new Table 220-32D to read as follows:

Table 220-32D  
"VC" – Village Center

**A. Objectives and characteristics.** The purpose of the District is to provide a pedestrian-friendly area where residents may live, shop, work, and conduct town business. Where possible traffic calming techniques should be applied throughout the district and sidewalks should be provided on both sides of the street. The District boundaries are shown in the diagram below. The Village Center District will be implemented as an overlay district.

**B. Uses.**

Permitted Uses	Allowed by Special Exception
1. Retail business (maximum 2,000 square feet per lot)	12. Day-care center
2. Place of worship	13. Home occupation
3. Business/professional office	14. In-law apartment
4. Funeral establishment	
5. Public use, limited to public safety and service	
6. Single-family residence/duplex	
7. Accessory use	
8. Essential service	
9. AEHC (Affordable Elderly Housing Community)	
10. Multifamily	
11. <b>Mixed use where an owner-occupant may reside, rent additional dwelling units, and/or establish a business in building(s) on the same lot.</b>	

**C. Areas and dimensions.**

- (1) Minimum lot size:
  - (a) Area: 40,000 square feet (per family).
  - (b) Frontage: 150 feet. Exception: Duplex uses require 200 feet of frontage.
- (2) Minimum yard dimensions: refer to Table 220-32I.
- (3) Maximum lot coverage: 30%.
- (4) Maximum height: 45 feet or three stories, whichever is less.

**Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, ~ 220-28., Establishment of Districts, Table 220-32I by replacing the text that says "Where Commercial II land..." with "Where Commercial II or Village Center land..."**

The purpose of this amendment is to create a "Village Center" District.

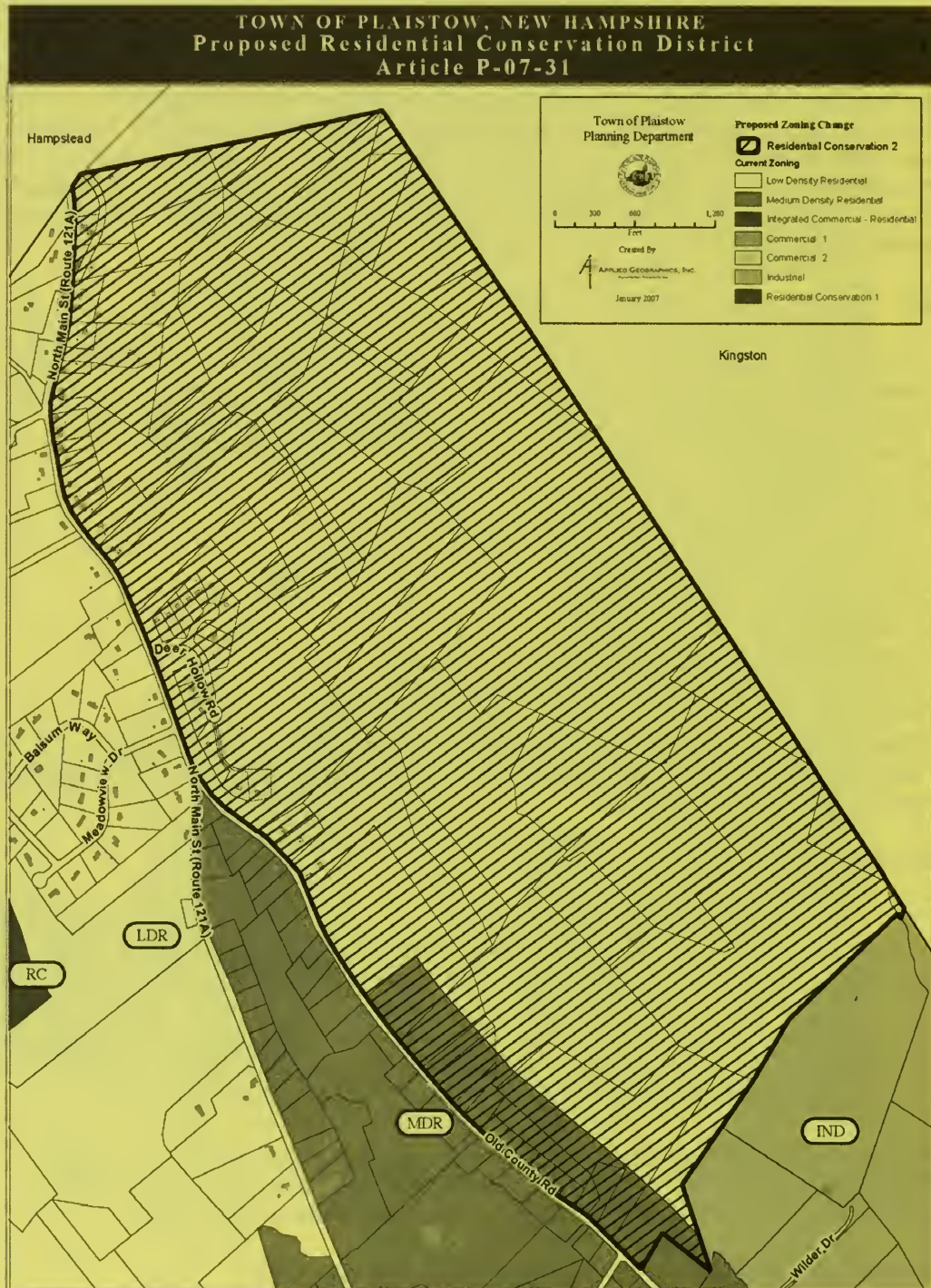
*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-07-31** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:



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Amend Article V, Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, by adding a new district, Residential Conservation II (RC II) as shown on the proposed diagram below:



and by renaming the existing Residential Conservation district to Residential Conservation I; all occurrences of Residential Conservation in Section 220 shall be changed to Residential Conservation I.

Amend Article V, Section 220-28 by adding the new RC II district to the list of districts.

Amend Article V, Section 220-32 by adding the new RC II district to Table 220-32 by renumbering Table 220-32I to Table 220-32J and by adding a new Table 220-32I as follows:

Table 220-32I  
Residential Conservation II

**A. Objectives and characteristics.** The purpose of this district shall be to make the most efficient use of the land and provide large contiguous areas for wildlife habitats. All open space is to be located in the center of the district. All plans submitted in this district will follow the PRD guidelines as specified in Section 220, Article VI.

**B. Uses.**

**Permitted Uses**

**Allowed by Special Exception**

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| 1. Single-family and duplex dwellings             | 11. Nursing and convalescent homes         |
| 2. Multifamily housing in a PRD*                  | 12. Home occupation                        |
| 3. Manufactured housing in a PRD*                 | 13. Fraternal, service and charitable uses |
| 4. Accessory buildings                            | 14. In-law apartment                       |
| 5. Private/public nonprofit recreation            |  |
| 6. Essential services                             |  |
| 7. Agriculture                                    |  |
| 8. Forestry                                       |  |
| 9. Churches                                       |  |
| 10. Cemetery/burial site and mausoleum            |  |
| 10.1. AEHC (Affordable Elderly Housing Community) |  |

\*See Article VIII.

**C. Areas and dimensions.** The same as those required for a PRD project in the LDR district, except that the 10 acre minimum for PRD ordinance does not apply.

Amend Article V., Establishment of Districts and District Regulations, ~ 220-28., Establishment of Districts, Table 220, Minimum Dimensions for All Districts, by replacing "Where Residential Conservation abuts any other land use," with "Where Residential Conservation I or II abuts any other land use."

This table is currently labeled 32I but is proposed to become Table 32J.

The purpose of this amendment is to make the most efficient use of the land and provide large contiguous areas for wildlife habitats.



*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-07-32** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Chapter 220-2, Definitions, by adding the following new definitions:

**PROCESSED RECYCLABLE MATERIAL** - A recyclable material which has been physically sorted and separated by material type, formed into bales or otherwise physically processed and packaged in a manner satisfying the specifications for transportation to and acceptance by a market that will use the material for the production of certified waste-derived products.

**RECYCLING** – Means “recycling” as defined by RSA 149-M:4, XX, namely “the collection, storage, processing and redistribution of recyclable materials.” The term excludes the redistribution of recyclable materials for any purpose constituting disposal as defined in RSA 149-M:4, VI, incineration or another purpose not directly related to the production of certified waste-derived products.

**RECYCLING FACILITY** -- A collection, storage and transfer facility which collects, stores and prepares recyclable materials for market and transfers processed recyclable materials to markets for recycling. The term includes “recycling center.”

**RECYCLABLE MATERIALS** – Means “recyclable materials” as defined in RSA 149-M:4, XIX, namely “materials that can be used to produce marketable goods, including but not limited to separated clear and colored glass, aluminum, ferrous and nonferrous metals, plastics, corrugated cardboard, motor vehicle batteries, tires from motor vehicles, and paper.” The term does not include:

- (a) Hazardous waste, hazardous air pollutants, and other waste not regulated as solid waste, as identified in Env-Wm 101.03;
- (b) Waste identified as non-reusable in Env-Wm 2600, including asbestos and infectious waste; and
- (c) Wastes from an unspecified production or generation process, such as municipal solid waste incinerator ash and contaminated soils or absorbent media.

**SELECT RECYCLABLE MATERIAL** – A recyclable material comprised of one of the following materials: paper, cardboard, glass, plastic, ferrous metal, non-ferrous metal, or textile materials.

The purpose of this amendment is to provide necessary definitions for particular uses.

*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-07-33** Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:

**Amend Article VII, Affordable Elderly Housing Community (AEHC), by replacing it in its entirety with the following. As a result of this amendment, all references to AEHC that exist in the ordinance will be replaced with “Elderly Housing District” (EHD).**



ARTICLE VII  
Elderly Housing District

§ 220-51. Objectives and purpose.

- A. To provide housing for the elderly (55 years or older) residents of the Town of Plaistow in a clustered development and which is consistent with NH RSA 354-A:15 Housing for Older Persons.
- B. To the extent possible, the objective shall be to make these housing opportunities available to Plaistow residents, to make fifteen percent (15%) of the units affordable, and to make rental units available. The fifteen percent (15%) shall be based on the total number of units provided, including all bonus units.
- C. The applicant/developer shall provide deed restrictions, use limitations, covenants, or some other legally enforceable instrument, which shall permanently restrict occupancy of these housing facilities to persons who meet all applicable restrictions regarding age, rentability and affordability.
- D. Nursing homes, convalescent homes, or assisted living facilities are not allowed under the provisions of this district.
- E. This district shall be an overlay district.
- F. To assure a mix of elderly housing as defined in this section of standard housing allowed outside this district by providing a cap, that is, a maximum number of dwelling units that can be built under this provision.
- G. All proposals submitted under this section must be submitted as a site plan review application and must meet all site plan requirements. Provisions in this section will override any conflicting provisions found in Section 230 – Site Plan Review Regulations.
- H. Any proposal that includes some or all units that are to become condominiums must include a condominium subdivision plan and must meet all criteria specified in Section 235 for condominium developments/conversions.
- I. Any proposal submitted that includes 2 or more lots must submit a lot consolidation plan such that the entire project can be constructed on 1 lot.
- J. As with all subdivision proposals submitted, all proposals submitted under this section must align roadways so that connection to existing Class V or better roadways can be made.

§ 220-52. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

**AFFORDABLE ELDERLY HOUSING UNIT (OWNER OCCUPIED)** - Shall mean owner-occupied housing where the total cost of mortgage principal and interest, mortgage insurance premiums, property taxes and homeowner's insurance does not exceed 30 percent of the Moderate to Median Income household for Rockingham County or the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) metropolitan fair market rent area to which Plaistow belongs. The calculation for housing costs shall be based on current taxes, a 30 year fixed rate mortgage, a 5 percent down payment, and prevailing mortgage rates within the region.

**AFFORDABLE ELDERLY HOUSING UNIT (RENTER OCCUPIED)** - Shall mean renter-occupied housing where the total cost of rent does not exceed 30 percent of the Moderate to Median Income household for Rockingham County or the HUD metropolitan fair market rent area to which Plaistow belongs.

**AFFORDABLE ELDERLY HOUSING MODERATE TO MEDIAN INCOME** -Shall be based on 80% HUD estimated Median Family Income for Rockingham County or the HUD metropolitan fair market rent area to which Plaistow belongs as calculated by the N.H. Housing Finance Authority (NHHFA).

**55-PLUS HOUSING UNIT** – A dwelling unit where at least 1 occupant (owner/renter) is 55 years of age or older.

**62-PLUS HOUSING UNIT** – A dwelling unit where at least 1 occupant (owner/renter) is 62 years of age or older.

### § 220-53. Building and Site Design Requirements

#### A. Site Design Requirements

1. Site must have 150 feet of frontage on an existing or proposed Town of Plaistow Class V or better road.
2. Roadways and access ways must be constructed to Town specifications.
3. One (1) parking space must be provided for each dwelling unit, plus:  
Developments containing between 1 and 20 units:  
One (1) additional space for every 2 units must be provided.  
Developments containing greater than 20 units:  
One (1) additional space for every 3 units must be provided.  
Handicapped spaces must be provided to meet all ADA requirements.
4. Garages/carports are not required, but may be provided at developer's discretion. The total square footage of a unit excludes the square footage of the garage.
5. The minimum lot size shall be 160,000 square feet. At least 50% open space must be provided and no more than 30% of this open space can be in a wetlands district or have slopes greater than 15%. Open space shall be owned in common by all unit owners.
6. A 50-foot buffer must be provided on all side and perimeter lot lines. A 50 foot front buffer must also be provided, however it must not interfere with driveway/roadway site distance. Buffers may consist of natural vegetation or planted vegetation. At the discretion of the Planning Board, a fence may be used in place of, or in addition to, a portion of the vegetation.

#### B. Building Design Requirements:

1. For proposed developments with nine or more dwelling units, a social room shall be provided. The social room must be a minimum of 200 square feet plus 30 square feet per dwelling unit.

2. Building height may not exceed 45 feet.
3. Each dwelling unit shall have no more than two (2) bedrooms.
4. Each dwelling unit may not exceed 1,800 square feet.
5. Each dwelling unit must be equipped with washer and dryer hook ups.
6. All buildings must have any emergency egress plan that must be submitted to the Planning Board, reviewed and approved by the Plaistow Fire Department, and copies made available to all building occupants.
7. All hallways, doorways, and bathrooms must be constructed with sufficient size to meet ADA guidelines and specifications. Blocking must be installed in the bathroom walls to accommodate the possible future installation of grab rails.

### 220-54. Density

All plans submitted under this ordinance must show calculations for the maximum number of bedrooms permitted on the site by NHDES septic loading criteria. This is to be used as a theoretical maximum number of bedrooms. Other criteria may significantly lower the number of bedrooms permitted.

- A. A maximum of three (3) 55- or 62-plus housing units may be constructed per 40,000 square feet.
- B. An additional bonus of three (3) dwelling units per 40,000 square feet may be constructed if they are to remain rental units in perpetuity.
- C. An additional bonus of three (3) dwelling units per 40,000 square feet may be constructed if they are to provide affordable units for the elderly occupants.
- D. No more than three (3) bonus dwelling units may be constructed per 40,000 square feet.

### 220-55. Building Cap.

The Planning Board shall not accept for consideration any proposal that, if approved, would increase the total number of all elderly housing units, existing and proposed, above the number representing ten percent (10%) of the total number of dwelling units within the Town as determined by the Assessor.

### 220-56. Certification.

The Town of Plaistow shall require an annual certification of each development in the Elderly Housing District to ensure compliance with the age, income and rental provisions of this ordinance. The certification procedure and any changes to it must be approved at a Planning Board Public Hearing. Each development shall be responsible for submitting the annual certification to the Town of Plaistow.

The purpose of this amendment is to replace the AEHC Ordinance that only permitted elderly housing by federal financing.



*Recommended by the Planning Board*

**Article P-07-34 Are you in favor of the adoption of an amendment as proposed by the planning board for the Plaistow Zoning Ordinance as follows:**

**Amend Article XI, Excavations, Section 220-70, Permit Required, Paragraph C, Other Exceptions, as follows:**

- 1. Modify paragraph 1 to clarify the reference to the permit so that it reads, "No State permit ...".**
- 2. Modify paragraph 2 to clarify the reference to the permit so that it reads, "No State permit ...".**
- 3. Add a new paragraph 3 to read as follows:**
  - (3). In cases where a State permit is not required for reasons specified in Paragraph C, a Local Excavation permit is required.**
  - (a). The Local Excavation permit form shall be specified in the Subdivision regulations.**
  - (b). All Local Excavation permits shall require a public hearing except for those cases where the applicant is also applying for site plan or subdivision approval in which cases the discussion and review of the excavation information will take place during the normal site plan/subdivision approval process.**
  - (c). In all cases a separate drawing must show the reclamation to be done at the completion of the excavation.**
  - (d). In cases where excavation is coincident with site plan or subdivision approval, no excavation can take place until the site plan and/or subdivision has been approved and all conditions of approval have been met.**

***Given under our hands and seal this 17th day of January in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Seven.***

John A. Sherman, Chairman

Lawrence W. Gil, Vice Chairman

Charles L. Blinn, Jr,

Michelle L. Curran

Daniel J. Poliquin

***As amended Deliberative Session of Town Meeting, February 3, 2007.***

# BUDGET OF THE TOWN WITH A MUNICIPAL BUDGET COMMITTEE

OF: TOWN OF PLAISTOW

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED  
THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2007

or Fiscal Year From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

## IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This form was posted with the warrant on (Date): \_\_\_\_\_

## BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

George B. Peabody  
T. Richard Latham  
Ronald Yeager  
Guest Shelton  
Ernadine B. G. G. G.

Ronald J. Hayer  
Robert J. Hayer  
W. H. Hayer  
Henry Hayer  
John Hayer

**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397



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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)			Appropriations		Actual		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
ACCT.#		Warr. Art.#	Prior Year As Approved by DRA		Expenditures Prior Year		Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
4130-4139	Executive	07-02	\$266,873		\$274,401		\$230,972		\$230,972	
4140-4149	Election,Reg.& Vital Statistics	07-02	\$116,576		\$110,734		\$117,015		\$117,015	
4150-4151	Financial Administration	07-02	\$116,889		\$111,149		\$117,093		\$117,093	
4152	Revaluation of Property	07-02	\$103,889		\$108,937		\$106,939		\$106,939	
4153	Legal Expense	07-02	\$32,500		\$16,444		\$32,500		\$32,500	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration	07-02	\$932,504		\$948,653		\$1,061,693		\$1,061,693	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning	07-02	\$73,468		\$76,353		\$81,911		\$81,911	
4194	General Government Buildings	07-02	\$223,292		\$207,697		\$180,202		\$180,202	
4195	Cemeteries	07-02	\$12,897		\$6,734		\$12,895		\$12,895	
4196	Insurance	07-02	\$59,580		\$53,434		\$57,434		\$57,434	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.	07-02	\$0		\$0		\$30,892		\$30,892	
4199	Other General Government	07-02	\$45,571		\$42,213		\$43,548		\$43,548	
PUBLIC SAFETY										
4210-4214	Police	07-02	\$1,587,152		\$1,566,176		\$1,537,553		\$1,537,553	
4215-4219	Ambulance	07-02	\$201		\$0		\$200		\$200	
4220-4229	Fire	07-02	\$404,608		\$365,721		\$415,059		\$415,059	
4240-4249	Building Inspection	07-02	\$100,991		\$98,648		\$103,729		\$103,729	
4290-4298	Emergency Management	07-02	\$5,859		\$4,253		\$5,933		\$5,933	
4299	Other (Including Communications)									
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER										
4301-4309	Airport Operations									
HIGHWAYS & STREETS										
4311	Administration	07-02	\$234,011		\$216,816		\$232,699		\$232,699	
4312	Highways & Streets	07-02	\$230,602		\$166,127		\$219,880		\$219,880	
4313	Bridges									



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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)				Appropriations		Actual		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
ACCT.#		Warr. Art.#		Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED		
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.											
4316	Street Lighting	07-02		\$73,173	\$73,960	\$73,200		\$73,200			
4319	Other										
SANITATION											
4321	Administration										
4323	Solid Waste Collection	07-02		\$650,617	\$626,238	\$655,300		\$655,300			
4324	Solid Waste Disposal	07-02		\$45,390	\$71,039	\$41,890		\$41,890			
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up										
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other										
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT											
4331	Administration										
4332	Water Services	07-02		\$268,139	\$272,072	\$258,392		\$258,392			
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv.& Other										
ELECTRIC											
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation										
4353	Purchase Costs										
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance										
4359	Other Electric Costs										
HEALTH/WELFARE											
4411	Administration	07-02		\$72,720	\$66,045	\$77,119		\$77,119			
4414	Pest Control	07-02		\$12,999	\$8,922	\$13,181		\$13,181			
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other	07-02		\$65,780	\$65,708	\$73,488		\$73,488			
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.	07-02		\$68,423	\$68,344	\$58,184		\$58,184			
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts										
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other										

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PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)				Appropriations		Actual		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS	
ACCT.#		Warr. Art.#		Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Expenditures Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	Ensuing Fiscal Year NOT RECOMMENDED		
CULTURE & RECREATION											
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation	07-02		\$188,539	\$185,671	\$196,180	\$0	\$196,180			
4550-4559	Library	07-02		\$417,684	\$330,966	\$425,086	\$0	\$425,086			
4583	Patriotic Purposes	07-02		\$1,300	\$920	\$1,300	\$0	\$1,300			
4589	Other Culture & Recreation	07-02		\$36,079	\$17,075	\$36,079	\$0	\$36,079			
CONSERVATION											
4611-4612	Admin.& Purch. of Nat. Resources	07-02		\$5,301	\$692	\$5,300	\$0	\$5,300			
4619	Other Conservation										
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING										
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT										
DEBT SERVICE											
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes	07-02		\$190,000	\$190,000	\$190,000	\$0	\$190,000			
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes	07-02		\$34,002	\$34,002	\$25,500	\$0	\$25,500			
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes	07-02		\$1	\$4,136	\$1	\$0	\$1			
4790-4799	Other Debt Service										
CAPITAL OUTLAY											
4901	Land										
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment										
4903	Buildings										
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.										
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT											
4912	To Special Revenue Fund										
4913	To Capital Projects Fund										
4914	To Enterprise Fund										
	Sewer-										
	Water-										



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ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year	
			Prior Year As Approved by DRA			(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.									
	Electric-								
	Airport-								
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund								
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917								
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds								
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds								
4919	To Fiduciary Funds								
SUBTOTAL 1		07-02	\$6,677,610	\$6,390,282	\$6,718,346	\$0		\$6,718,346	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	A m o u n t	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	A m o u n t



## \*\*SPECIAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\*

Special warrant articles are defined in RSA 32:3.VI, as appropriations: 1) in petitioned warrant articles; 2) appropriations raised by bonds or notes; 3) appropriations to a separate fund created pursuant to law, such as capital reserve funds or trusts funds; or 4) an appropriation designated on the warrant as a special article or as a nonlapsing or nontransferable article.

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
			APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS	
			Prior Year As		Actual		Prior Year As		Expenditures		Prior Year		Ensuring Fiscal Year		(NOT RECOMMENDED)		Ensuring Fiscal Year		RECOMMENDED	
			Approved by DRA		Prior Year		Approved by DRA		Prior Year		Approved by DRA		Prior Year		Approved by DRA		Prior Year		Approved by DRA	
	Highway Block Grant	07-03	\$	115,733	\$	115,733	\$	115,733	\$	126,466	\$	126,466	\$	126,466	\$	126,466	\$	126,466	\$	126,466
	Town Hall	07-07	\$	160,000	\$	160,000	\$	160,000	\$	86,000	\$	86,000	\$	86,000	\$	86,000	\$	86,000	\$	86,000
	Highway Equipment Trust	07-08	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000
	Highway Department Truck	07-09								130,531		130,531		130,531		130,531		130,531		130,531
	Highway Garage Capital Reserve	07-10								50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000		50,000
	Buildings Capital Reserve	07-11								20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000		20,000
	Fire Dept. Capital Reserve	07-12	\$	80,000	\$	80,000	\$	80,000	\$	80,000	\$	80,000	\$	80,000	\$	80,000	\$	80,000	\$	80,000
	Water Capital Reserve	07-13								40,000		40,000		40,000		40,000		40,000		40,000
	Conservation Fund	07-15	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	5,000
	Centennial & Civil War Monument	07-23								25,000		25,000		25,000		25,000		25,000		25,000
	Rescue Vehicle		\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	150,000
	Trust Internet		\$	9,605	\$	9,605	\$	9,605	\$	9,605	\$	9,605	\$	9,605	\$	9,605	\$	9,605	\$	9,605
	<b>SUBTOTAL 2 RECOMMENDED</b>		<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>

## \*\*INDIVIDUAL WARRANT ARTICLES\*\*

"Individual" warrant articles are not necessarily the same as "special warrant articles". An example of an individual warrant article might be negotiated cost items for labor agreements, leases or items of a one time nature you wish to address individually.

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3.V)	Warr. Art.#	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
			APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS		APPROPRIATIONS	
			Prior Year As		Actual		Prior Year As		Expenditures		Prior Year		Ensuring Fiscal Year		(NOT RECOMMENDED)		Ensuring Fiscal Year		RECOMMENDED	
			Approved by DRA		Prior Year		Approved by DRA		Prior Year		Approved by DRA		Prior Year		Approved by DRA		Prior Year		Approved by DRA	
	Paving Project	07-04	\$	181,000	\$	181,000	\$	181,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000	\$	59,000
	Drainage Projects	07-05								30,000		30,000		30,000		30,000		30,000		30,000
	Recreation Fields	07-14								150,000		150,000		150,000		150,000		150,000		150,000
	Police Officer	07-16								51,536		51,536		51,536		51,536		51,536		51,536
	Selectmen Salary	07-17								10,765		10,765		10,765		10,765		10,765		10,765
	Town Clerk Salary	07-18	\$	2,051	\$	2,051	\$	2,051	\$	853	\$	853	\$	853	\$	853	\$	853	\$	853
	Tax Collector Salary	07-19	\$	1,422	\$	1,422	\$	1,422	\$	591	\$	591	\$	591	\$	591	\$	591	\$	591
	AIDS Response Seacoast	07-22								500		500		500		500		500		500
	<b>SUBTOTAL 3 RECOMMENDED</b>		<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXX</b>

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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
<b>TAXES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3120	Land Use Change Taxes - General Fund		\$ 3,100	\$ -	\$ -
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		\$ 200	\$ 356	\$ -
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes		\$ -	\$ 50	\$ 78,082
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		\$ 32,000	\$ 46,153	\$ 42,500
	Inventory Penalties				
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
<b>LICENSES, PERMITS &amp; FEES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		\$ 4,000	\$ 3,375	\$ 3,000
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		\$ 1,405,400	\$ 1,380,890	\$ 1,405,500
3230	Building Permits		\$ 85,785	\$ 35,937	\$ 38,108
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		\$ 57,325	\$ 60,203	\$ 54,605
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		\$ 2,750	\$ -	\$ -
<b>FROM STATE</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3351	Shared Revenues		\$ 56,931	\$ 37,742	\$ 37,742
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		\$ 302,543	\$ 340,285	\$ 340,285
3353	Highway Block Grant		\$ 131,395	\$ 131,395	\$ 131,395
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement				
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3356	Other (Including Railroad Tax)		\$ 44,967	\$ 115,613	\$ 101,593
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
<b>CHARGES FOR SERVICES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3401-3406	Income from Departments		\$ 299,455	364,271	\$ 266,120
3409	Other Charges				
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3501	Sale of Municipal Property		\$ 88,500	2,850	\$ 2,500
3502	Interest on Investments		\$ 71,000	10,427	12,500
3503-3509	Other		\$ 249,010	3,794	\$ 2,500
<b>INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN</b>			<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>	<b>XXXXXXXXXX</b>
3912	From Special Revenue Funds				
3913	From Capital Projects Funds				



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ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3914	From Enterprise Funds				
	Sewer - (Offset)				
	Water - (Offset)		\$60,000	<incl. above>	
	Electric - (Offset)				
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds	07-08	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$130,531
3916	From Trust & Fiduciary Funds				
3917	Transfers from Conservation Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes				
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")		\$169,605	\$169,605	
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			\$150,448	
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS			\$3,213,966	\$3,505,396	\$3,086,713

**\*\*BUDGET SUMMARY\*\***

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	\$6,677,610	\$6,718,346	\$6,718,346
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	\$579,338	\$621,997	\$621,997
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	\$184,473	\$303,245	\$303,245
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	\$7,441,421	\$7,643,588	\$7,643,588
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	\$ 3,213,966	\$3,086,713	\$3,086,713
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	\$4,227,455	\$4,556,875	\$4,556,875

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: \$742,809  
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)



## VOTER'S NOTES

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		Yes	No
P-07-01	Elect Officers	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-02	Operating Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-03	Highway Block Grant	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-04	Road Paving	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-05	Drainage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-06	Roads in Budget	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-07	Town Hall Renovations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-08	Highway Equipment Trust Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-09	Highway Department Truck	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-10	Highway Garage Capital Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-11	Buildings Capital Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-12	Fire Capital Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-13	Water Capital Reserve	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-14	Recreation Fields	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-15	Conservation Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-16	Middle School Resource Officer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-17	Selectmen Salary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-18	Town Clerk Salary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-19	Tax Collector Salary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-20	Special Detail Trust Fund	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-21	Aids Response Seacoast	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## VOTER'S NOTES

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P-07-22	Centennial and Civil War Monument	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-23	Fire Wards	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-24	Haynes Boulevard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-25	Carbon Coalition	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-26	Eliminate Redundant Text	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-27	Site Plan & Subdivision Regulations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-28	Parcel Zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-29	Parcel Zones	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-30	Village Center District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-31	Contiguous Areas For Wildlife Habitats	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-32	Definitions for Particular Uses	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
P-07-33	Replace AEHC Ordinance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

## TRASH, RECYCLING, & LANDFILL INFORMATION

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**CURBSIDE TRASH:** is picked up on a weekly basis. All curbside trash must be bagged and placed on the curb by 7:00 AM.

**CURBSIDE RECYCLING:** is easy, economical and environmentally necessary. Your efforts save natural resources. Recycling bins are collected every other week on your regular trash collection weekday.

**RECYCLABLE ITEMS:** clear, brown and green glass, aluminum, steel and tin metal. #1 PETE and #2 HDPE plastic, newspaper, phonebooks, junk mail and paperboard.

**WHITE GOODS:** stoves, refrigerators and other appliances are picked up, by appointment, on the first Saturday of each month. To schedule removal call 1-800-847-5303.

**WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAYS:** collection will be delayed one day on the holidays listed below. The holidays are subject to change by Waste Management.

### 2007 WASTE MANAGEMENT HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- New Year's Day
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day

**BULK ITEMS:** collection is done 1 week in the Spring and 1 week in the Fall. Watch Channel 17 for dates.

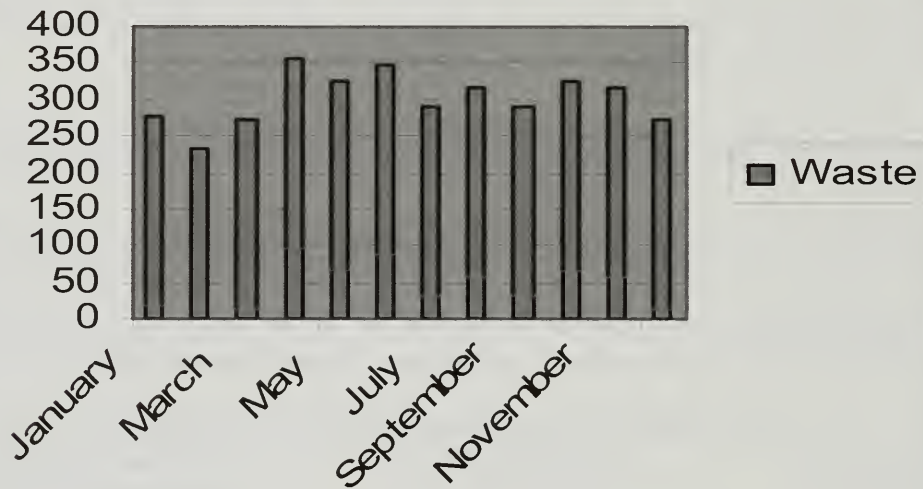
**LANDFILL:** is located off Old County Road in Plaistow. Hours of operation are 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM, on the first and third Saturdays in May thru November and 4:00 PM – 8:00PM on the second and fourth Wednesday in May thru October. An additional Saturday is added in October for your convenience. Items accepted are brush, which is five inches or less in diameter, and untreated wood. All dates and times are subject to change, without notice, pending weather and facility conditions. Below is a list of tentative dates:

- May 5, 9, 19 & 23
- June 2, 6, 16 & 20
- July 7, 11, 21 & 25
- August 4, 8, 18 & 22
- September 5, 8, 15 & 19
- October 3, 13, 17, 20 & 27
- November 3 & 17

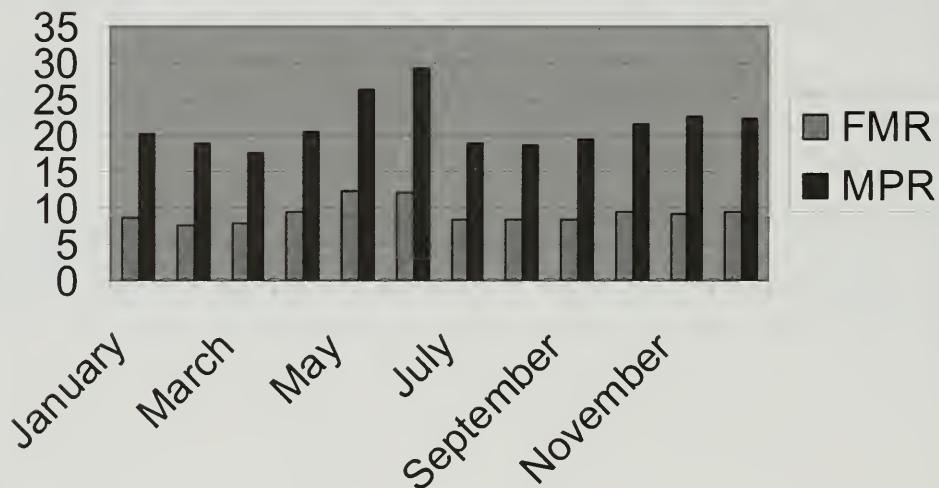
**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE DAY:** is a program to properly dispose of common household products such as lawn and garden pesticides, automotive fluids, leftover paint and other potentially harmful chemicals. The Household Hazardous Waste Day will be held on May 12, 2007, at the Landfill. Hours of operation are 9:00 AM – Noon.



### Plaistow Waste



### Plaistow Recycle



*Every ton of solid waste that could have been recycled costs the taxpayers \$78.*

## WATER PROTECTION

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Many things you dump into the ground end up in your drinking water. The Town of Plaistow is engaging in a five-year plan to improve the quality of both surface and underground drinking water in the community. This is being done for public safety, long-term protection of our drinking water and to comply with United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements. Christie Todd Whitman, the former Administrator for the EPA, wrote the following:

*"I believe water is the biggest environmental issue we face in the 21st century in terms of both quantity and quality. In the 30 years since its passage, the Clean Water Act has dramatically increased the number of waterways that are once again safe for fishing and swimming. Despite this great progress in reducing water pollution, many of the Nation's waters still do not meet water quality goals. I challenge you to join President Bush and me to finish the business of restoring and protecting our nation's waters for present and future generations."*

The residents of Plaistow depend solely upon underground water sources for their drinking water. Many activities result in pollution getting into brooks, streams and the underground water aquifer. The Conservation Commission, working with the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager, has started a public education and outreach program. The first step has been working with teachers at the Pollard School to encourage students to recognize the importance of protecting our water supply.

During the coming months and years, the Town will seek to involve many of you in the development, implementation and review of the storm water management program. The Town will seek volunteer stream monitors and people to work in other ways to prevent underground water pollution.

A third step will be developing, implementing and enforcing a program to detect and eliminate any storm water discharge that contains pollution. Plaistow officials will develop more complete maps to identify priority areas for enforcement of existing rules to protect water. If you know of any pollution flowing into brooks, streams or catch basins, we urge you to call the Town Manager immediately. Pollution of storm water will eventually lead to pollution of our drinking water supply.

Additional steps will include reduction of construction site storm water runoff, addressing storm water runoff from new developments and redevelopment projects, and establishing a menu of good housekeeping practices for runoff control. With your help, we will protect and preserve our surface water and our underground drinking water.

If you know of any activities that are polluting water we urge you to email [ncarr@plaistow.com](mailto:ncarr@plaistow.com) or call 382-5200 or write Town Hall, 145 Main Street.

### PROTECTING OUR ENVIRONMENT WHILE MAINTAINING A LAWN OR GARDEN

Lawn and garden activities can result in contamination of storm water through pesticide, soil and fertilizer runoff. Proper landscape management, however, can effectively reduce water use and contaminant runoff and enhance the aesthetics of a property. Environmentally friendly landscape management can protect the environment through careful planning and design, routine soil analysis, appropriate plant selection, use of practical turf areas, water use efficiency, use of mulches, integrated pest management planting indigenous species, soil testing, reduction, elimination or judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides and appropriate maintenance. Protecting from erosion of exposed soils by use of vegetation and mulches is of particular importance in areas with slopes and a lot of rainfall.

Additional activities that benefit water resources include maintaining healthy plants and lawns and composting lawn wastes. Healthy plants are less susceptible to diseases and insects and therefore require minimal use of pest control measures. To promote healthy plants, it is often beneficial to till composted material into the soil. Recycling of garden wastes by composting is also effective at reducing waste, although compost bins and piles should not be located next to waterways or storm drains because leachate from compost materials can cause contamination. Composting is an inexpensive way to generate a high quality organic soil additive. Composted organic material can also help reduce the need for commercial fertilizer.



**A typical composting bin (Source: Alameda County Waste Management Authority, 2001)**

Residents and Commercial owners are encouraged to test soils every 3 to 4 years to determine the amount of nutrients necessary to maintain a healthy lawn. The Town suggests owners obtain soil test kits from either the local cooperative extension service **1-877-398-4769** or a home and garden center. Representatives from each of these can then provide suggestions for improving the soil's ability to support specific types of vegetation and retain water at a specific site without putting on too much fertilizer. The goal is to both save money and reduce the amount of fertilizer entering runoff.

Another way to reduce water pollution is the use of slow-release organic fertilizers, which are less likely to enter storm water. Application techniques, such as tilling fertilizers into moist soil to move the chemicals directly into the root zone, reduce the likelihood that the chemicals will be mobilized in storm water. Timing is also important: Warm season grasses should be fertilized in the summer, in frequent and small doses, while cool season grasses should be fertilized in the fall. Also, fertilizer should not be applied on a windy day or



immediately before a heavy rain. While using no fertilizer is best for the environment, the second best option is application of the right amount of fertilizer in the right way at the right time based on the vegetation and particular soil (as determined by a soil test). Please dispose of excess fertilizer and containers safely.

Like fertilizers, pesticides should be used on lawns and gardens only when absolutely necessary. Pesticide use can be avoided entirely by selecting hearty plants that are native to the area and by keeping them healthy. It is also important to identify any potential pests to determine if they are truly harmful to the plant. The pests should always be removed by hand if possible—chemical pest control should be used only if other approaches fail. If it is necessary to use chemical pesticides, the least toxic pesticide that targets the specific pest in question should be chosen (i.e., boric acid, garlic, insects, etc). If a pesticide is labeled with the word "caution," it is less toxic than one labeled "warning," which is, in turn, less toxic than one that is labeled "danger/poison."

It is also important to follow the label directions on the pesticide. Please wear the appropriate protective equipment listed on the label when working with organophosphate insecticides or concentrated sprays or dusts. Also be sure to read and follow all safety precautions listed on pesticide labels and to wash your hands and face before smoking or eating. Tools or equipment that were used to apply or incorporate pesticides should always be rinsed in a bucket and the rinse water applied as if it were full-strength pesticide. Any unused pesticide can be saved and disposed of at the twice-annual local household hazardous waste collection.

Proper landscape activities are very cost effective. Promoting the growth of healthy plants that require less fertilizer and pesticide applications minimizes labor and maintenance costs of lawn and garden care. Using water, pesticides and fertilizers only when necessary and replacing store-bought fertilizers with compost material can increase the savings for a property owner as well as benefit the environment.

One other important caution relates to gasoline used in lawnmowers and other yard equipment. A small amount of gasoline pollutes a large amount of water. Prevent spills of gasoline by

- Using a gasoline container size you can handle easily and hold securely so you can pour slowly and smoothly while filling the equipment gasoline tank;
- Using a spout or funnel when pouring gasoline into the equipment to avoid overfilling or allowing fuel to run over;
- Closing the cap on the equipment and the cap or spout and vent hole on the gasoline container tightly after filling the gasoline tank;
- Considering alternative fuel options such as propane and electric options; and
- Using manual tools. Tools that don't require electric or gasoline engines are especially handy for small yards or small jobs.

References: This information is copied from the following three sources, which have many more valuable pointers and tips: The US Environmental Protection Agency. <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/> UNH Cooperative Extension 1-877-398-4769 or [www.ceinfo.unh.edu](http://www.ceinfo.unh.edu) NH Department of Environmental Services (603) 271-1370 or [www.des.state.nh.us](http://www.des.state.nh.us)

## WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP

### PROBLEM/QUESTION

AIDS Hotline  
Animal Problems  
After School Program  
Assessments  
Auto & Boat Registration  
Battered Women Shelter  
Birth Certificates  
Building Permits  
Burning Permits  
Cemetery  
Chamber of Commerce  
Child Abuse  
Child Care  
Child & Family Services  
Child Medical Coverage  
Conservation Commission  
Consumer Complaint  
Death Certificate  
Disaster Relief  
District Court  
Dog License  
Driver's License  
Elections  
Electrical Permit  
EMERGENCY: Fire, Police & Ambulance  
Environment  
Family Services (Juvenile)  
Fire Dept. (non-emergency)  
Fish & Game  
Fishing License  
Food & Nutrition Assistance  
  
Food Pantry  
Food Stamps  
Genealogical Information  
General Assistance  
Health Care

Health Officer  
Heating Assistance

Home Budgeting  
Homeless  
Housing

### PROBLEM/QUESTION

Human Service Department  
  
Humane Society  
Hunting License

### CALL

Aids Response Seacoast  
Plaistow Animal Control Officer  
Sad Café  
Plaistow Assessing Department  
Plaistow Town Clerk  
A Safe Place  
Plaistow Town Clerk  
Plaistow Building Department  
Plaistow Fire Department  
Plaistow Town Hall  
Plaistow Area Commerce Exchange  
Child Abuse & Neglect Hotline  
Rockingham County Childcare Info.  
Child & Family Services  
NH Healthy Kids  
Plaistow Town Hall  
NH Better Business Bureau  
Plaistow Town Clerk  
American Red Cross  
Plaistow District Court  
Plaistow Town Clerk  
NH Dept. Motor Vehicles  
Plaistow Town Clerk  
Plaistow Building Department  
NH State Dept. Environmental Services  
Family Mediation  
FitzGerald Safety Complex  
Fish & Game Club Office  
Walmart or Animal Control Officer  
WIC (pregnant & child under 5)  
CSFP (60 years and older)  
Holy Angels Parish  
NH Dept. of Health & Human Services  
Plaistow Town Clerk  
Human Services Department  
SeaCare Health Center  
Lamprey Health Care  
Community Health Services  
Plaistow Health Department  
Fuel Assistance 10/01 thru 4/30  
Rock. Community Action Program  
Credit Counseling  
NH Coalition for Homeless  
NH Housing Authority

### CALL

Plaistow Town Hall  
Help Line  
NH SPCA  
Walmart

### PHONE NUMBER

433-5377  
382-1200  
382-8893  
382-8469 X11  
382-8129 X16  
1-800-852-3388  
382-8129 X16  
382-1191 X20  
382-5012  
382-5200 X10  
382-3634  
1-800-894-5533  
1-800-310-8333  
1-800-640-6486  
1-877-464-2447  
382-5200 X10  
228-3789  
382-8129 X16  
624-4307  
382-4651  
382-8129 X16  
271-2251  
382-8129 X16  
382-1191 X20  
911  
289-2111  
362-9957  
382-5012  
382-3675  
382-2839 or 382-6816  
1-800-256-9880  
1-800-942-4321  
382-8324  
1-800-852-7492  
382-8129 X16  
382-8469 X25  
772-8119  
659-2494  
425-2545  
382-2494 X21  
898-8435  
893-9172  
1-800-327-6778  
1-800-852-3388  
1-800-439-7247

### PHONE NUMBER

382-5200 X25  
1-800-852-3388  
772-2921  
382-2839

## WHERE TO CALL FOR HELP

<u>PROBLEM/QUESTION</u>	<u>CALL</u>	<u>PHONE NUMBER</u>
Landfill	Animal Control Officer	382-1200
Legal Assistance	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
Library	Legal Advice & Referral Center	1-800-639-5290
Marriage License	Plaistow Public Library	382-6011
Meals on Wheels	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Medication	Vic Geary Center	382-5995
Mental Health	NH Health Access Network	225-0900
Notary	CLM Behavioral Health	893-3548
Off Road Vehicle Registration	Plaistow Town Hall	382-5200 X10 and X16
Parenting Problems	Gilly's or DaSilva	382-4334 or 382-1515
Passport	Parents Anonymous	1-800-750-4494
Planning Board	Federal Building	666-7568
Plumbing Permit	Plaistow Planning Office	382-7371 X14
Police Station (non-emergency)	Plaistow Building Department	382-1191 X20
Post Office	FitzGerald Safety Complex	382-6816
Property Taxes	U.S. Post Office	382-8529
Recreation & Parks	Plaistow Tax Collector	382-8611 X17
Recycling & Curbside Removal	Plaistow Recreation Department	382-5200 X18
Red Cross	Waste Management	1-800-443-5515
Roads & Streets	Merrimack Valley Chapter	978-683-2465
School Administration Unit	Plaistow Highway Department	382-6771
School –Elementary	Timberlane Regional School District	382-6119
School – Middle	Pollard Elementary School	382-7146
School – High	Timberlane Regional Middle School	382-7131
Secretary of State	Timberlane Regional High School	382-6541
Senior Citizen Center	Office of Secretary of State	271-3242
Senior Services	Vic Geary Center	382-5995
Sexual Assault	Elderly & Adult Services	1-800-852-7492
Sheriff	Sexual Assault Support Serv. 24 hr.	436-4107
Social Security	Rockingham County	772-4716
Superior Court	Social Security Administration	978-374-1960
Teen Pregnancy	Rockingham Clerk of Courts	642-5256
Town Ordinances	Pregnancy Care Center	978-373-5700
Transportation	Plaistow Code Enforcement Officer	382-1191 X20
	CART	434-3569
	Retired Sr. Volunteer Program	436-4310
Unemployment Comp.	NH Dept. of Employment Security	893-9185
Veterans	Veterans Administration	1-800-562-5260
Visiting Nurses	Rockingham VNA	772-2981
Voter Registration	Plaistow Town Clerk	382-8129 X16
Welfare	NH Dept. of Human Services	1-800-852-7492



## SCHEDULE OF TOWN BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

### *Meeting Schedules:*

GROUP	DAY	TIME	PLACE
Board of Selectmen	Mondays	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Planning Board	First & Third Wednesdays	6:30 PM	Town Hall
Conservation Commission	First & Third Thursdays	6:00PM	Town Hall
Zoning Board of Adjustment	Last Thursday of Month	7:00 PM	Town Hall
Recreation Commission	Third Sundays	6:00 PM	Town Hall

### *2007 Holiday Schedule:*

HOLIDAY	DATE
New Year's Day	January 1 <sup>st</sup>
President's Day	February 19 <sup>th</sup>
Memorial Day	May 28 <sup>th</sup>
Independence Day	July 4 <sup>th</sup>
Labor Day	September 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Columbus Day	October 8 <sup>th</sup>
Veterans' Day	November 12 <sup>th</sup>
Thanksgiving (2 days)	November 22 <sup>nd</sup> & 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Christmas (2 days)	December 24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup>

### *Town Hall Department Schedules:*

TOWN OFFICE	HOURS
Assessing Office	Monday – Friday 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Building Safety Department	Monday – Friday 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM
Finance Department	Monday – Friday 7:00 AM – 3:00PM
Health Department	Monday – Friday By Appointment
Human Services Department	Monday – Friday By Appointment
Planning Department	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
Recreation Department	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
Selectmen's Office	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
Tax Collector Office	Monday – Wednesday 8:00AM – 4:30PM
Town Clerk Office	Monday 8:00AM – 7:00 PM & Tuesday – Thursday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM Friday 7:00AM - Noon
Town Manager Office	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM
Zoning Office	Monday – Friday 8:00AM – 4:30 PM

## APPLICATION FOR COMMITTEE APPOINTMENT

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One of the advantages of living in a small town is the ability to participate in and contribute to the activities and programs, which are offered by the Town to its residents. Plaistow is fortunate to have a history of strong volunteerism and offers the opportunity to all residents of the Town to continue this tradition.

Boards, commissions and committees are made up of volunteers. Recreation programs, public access TV, parades, celebrations and beautification projects are successful due to the efforts of the Plaistow residents.

If you are a registered voter of Plaistow and would like to serve as a member on one of the following, please note your area of interest and return this form to the Selectman's Office. Thank you.

\_\_\_\_\_ Zoning Board of Adjustment

\_\_\_\_\_ Building Needs Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Cable TV Advisory Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Conservation Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Highway Safety Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Planning Board

\_\_\_\_\_ Recreation Commission

\_\_\_\_\_ Recycling Committee

\_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Special Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Notes/Questions/Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## FAMILY EMERGENCY PLAN

Make sure your family has a plan in case of an emergency. Before an emergency happens, sit down together and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supply kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster.

Out of Town Contact Name:	Telephone Number:
Email:	Telephone Number:
Neighborhood Meeting Place:	Telephone Number:
Regional Meeting Place:	Telephone Number:
Evacuation Location:	Telephone Number:

Fill out the following information for each family member and keep it up to date.

Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
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Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:
Name:	Social Security Number:
Date of Birth	Medical Information:

Write down where your family spends the most time: work, school and other places you frequent. Schools, daycare providers, workplaces and apartment buildings should all have site-specific emergency plans that you and your family need to know about.

Work Location One	School Location One
Address::	Address:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:	Evacuation Location:
Work Location Two	School Location Two
Address::	Address:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:	Evacuation Location:
Other place you frequent	Other place you frequent o
Address::	Address:
Phone Number:	Phone Number:
Evacuation Location:	Evacuation Location:

Important Information	Name	Telephone Number	Policy Number
Doctor(s):			
Other:			
Pharmacist:			
Medical Insurance:			
Homeowners/Rental Insurance:			
Veterinarian/Kennel (for pets):			

Dial 911 for Emergencies



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## MONUMENTS IN POLLARD PARK

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The American Revolution: A monument boulder was placed in Pollard Park during the nation's bicentennial to honor Plaistow's Revolutionary Veterans.

The Civil War: A memorial to Veterans of the war was dedicated on September 12, 1908 in a large patriotic ceremony. Donated by Arthur G. Pollard, the base of the statue bears the names of all Plaistow Civil War Veterans on its side.

World War I: The Town appropriated money for the purchase and installation of a 10-ton granite monument with a bronze plaque listing the names of the 49 Veterans. This monument is pictured on the cover. It is interesting to note that the inscription states The World War. At the time, people believed this would be the only war of its type.

World War II: In 1944 an honor roll was installed in the lobby of Town Hall. It contains a name block for each of Plaistow's 177 Veterans. Plans for a suitable memorial were several years in the making. In 1962, a portion of the playground at the rear of Pollard School was dedicated as war veteran's memorial park "to those who have helped to preserve our freedoms" and a granite stone was inscribed and set. In 1988, the school system had to expand and use the land dedicated, and the stone was reset in Pollard Park near the Civil War and the Revolutionary War monuments. In 1997, an appropriation by the Town provided for the erection of a granite monument in the north corner of the park dedicated to those who served in World War II.

The Korean War, Vietnam Conflict and Gulf War: A three stone monument was erected using funds raised by Operation Caring and Sharing, a group of civic minded residents. It is located on Pollard Park's western lawn. Nearby is a tree dedicated to the memory of the men and women from Timberlane High School that served in the Persian Gulf. This living monument was sponsored by the Kidder Family.



Most recent monument added to Pollard Park is commemorating September 11, 2001.

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## TELEPHONE NUMBERS

### **TOWN HALL – 145 Main Street**

Animal Control Officer .....	382-6816	
Assessor's Office .....	382-8469	X 11
Building & Code Enforcement Department .....	382-1191	X 20
Finance Department .....	382-5200	X 12
Health Department .....	382-2494	X 21
Highway Department .....	382-6771	
Human Services Coordinator .....	382-8469	X 25
Planning Department .....	382-7371	X 14
Recreation Director .....	382-5200	X 18
Selectmen's Office .....	382-5200	X 10
Tax Collector .....	382-8611	X 17
Town Clerk .....	382-8129	X 16
Town Manager .....	382-7106	X 13
Zoning Board of Adjustment .....	382-8420	X 20

### **DISTRICT COURT – 17 Elm Street**

Clerk of Courts, .....	382-4651
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### **FIRE DEPARTMENT – 27 Elm Street**

Emergency .....	911
All other calls .....	382-5012

### **POLICE DEPARTMENT – 27 Elm Street**

Emergency .....	911
All other calls .....	382-6816

### **PUBLIC LIBRARY - 85 Main Street**

Plaistow Public Library .....	382-6011
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### **SCHOOLS**

School Administration (SAU 55), 30 Greenough Road .....	382-6119
Pollard School, 120 Main Street .....	382-7146
Timberlane Regional Middle School, 44 Greenough Road .....	382-7131
Timberlane Regional High School, 36 Greenough Road .....	382-6541

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PLAISTOW PLEASE VISIT [WWW.PLAISTOW.COM](http://WWW.PLAISTOW.COM).**

## TOWN OFFICE HOURS

**Assessing: Mon thru Fri 9:00am – 3:00pm**

**Tax Collector: Mon thru Wed 8:30am to 4:30pm**

**Town Clerk: Mon 8:00am to 7:00pm, Tues thru Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm**

**Remaining Town Hall Departments: Mon thru Fri 8:00am to 4:30pm**